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AMD Socket AM2 Processor Motherboard

User's Manual

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- For quick installation, please refer to the "Hardware Installation Guide" included with the product.
- For detailed product information and specifications, please carefully read the "Product User Manual".
- For detailed information related to Gigabyte's unique features, please go to the "Technology Guide" section on Gigabyte's website to read or download the information you need.

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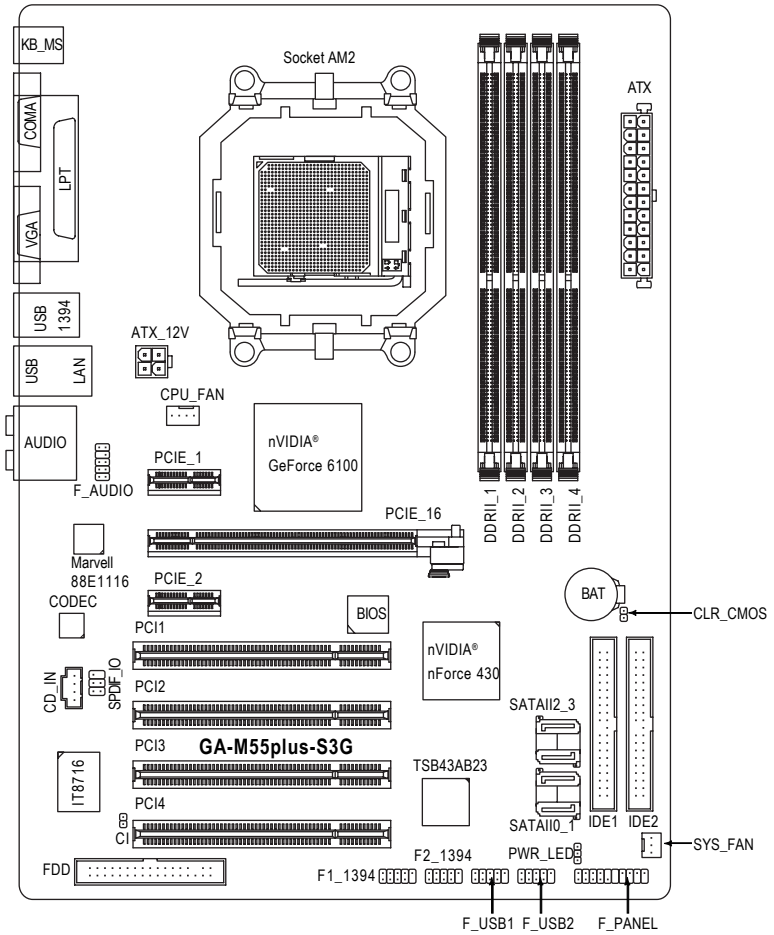
- ☑ IDE Cable x 1 & FDD Cable x 1
- ☑ SATA 3Gb/s Cable x 2
- ☑ I/O Shield

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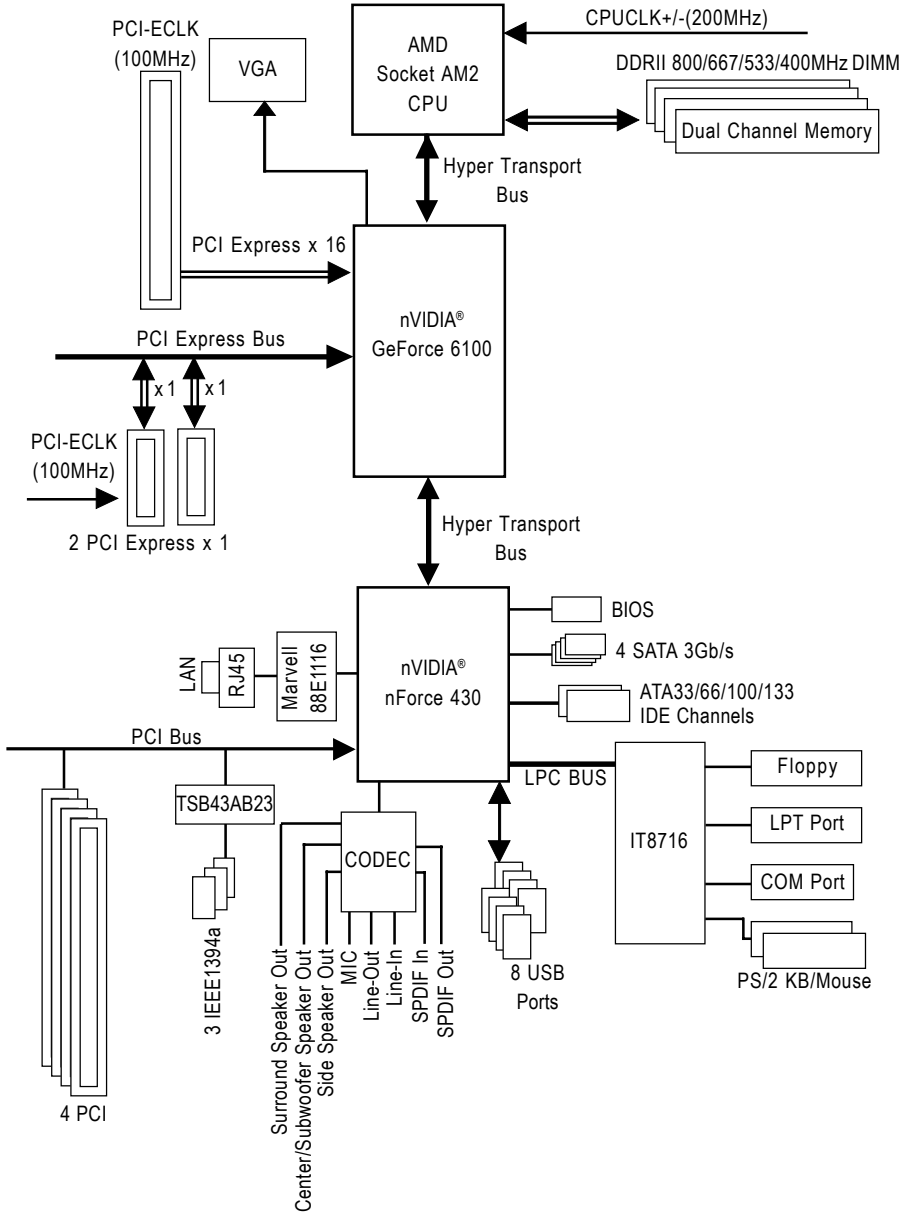
Optional Accessories

- 2 Ports USB2.0 Cable (Part Number: 12CR1-1UB030-51/R)
- 4 Ports USB2.0 Cable (Part Number: 12CR1-1UB030-21/R)
- SPDIF In and Out Cable (Part Number: 12CR1-1SPINO-11/R)

GA-M55plus-S3G Motherboard Layout



Block Diagram



Chapter 1 Hardware Installation

1-1 Considerations Prior to Installation

Preparing Your Computer

The motherboard contains numerous delicate electronic circuits and components which can become damaged as a result of electrostatic discharge (ESD). Thus, prior to installation, please follow the instructions below:

1. Please turn off the computer and unplug its power cord.
2. When handling the motherboard, avoid touching any metal leads or connectors.
3. It is best to wear an electrostatic discharge (ESD) cuff when handling electronic components (CPU, RAM).
4. Prior to installing the electronic components, please have these items on top of an antistatic pad or within a electrostatic shielding container.
5. Please verify that the power supply is switched off before unplugging the power supply connector from the motherboard.

Installation Notices

1. Prior to installation, please do not remove the stickers on the motherboard. These stickers are required for warranty validation.
2. Prior to the installation of the motherboard or any hardware, please first carefully read the information in the provided manual.
3. Before using the product, please verify that all cables and power connectors are connected.
4. To prevent damage to the motherboard, please do not allow screws to come in contact with the motherboard circuit or its components.
5. Please make sure there are no leftover screws or metal components placed on the motherboard or within the computer casing.
6. Please do not place the computer system on an uneven surface.
7. Turning on the computer power during the installation process can lead to damage to system components as well as physical harm to the user.
8. If you are uncertain about any installation steps or have a problem related to the use of the product, please consult a certified computer technician.

Instances of Non-Warranty

1. Damage due to natural disaster, accident or human cause.
2. Damage as a result of violating the conditions recommended in the user manual.
3. Damage due to improper installation.
4. Damage due to use of uncertified components.
5. Damage due to use exceeding the permitted parameters.
6. Product determined to be an unofficial Gigabyte product.

1-2 Feature Summary

CPU	◆	Socket AM2 for AMD Athlon™ 64 FX / Athlon™ 64 X2 Dual-Core / Athlon™ 64 / Sempron™ processor
Front Side Bus	◆	2000MHz
Chipset	◆	Northbridge: nVIDIA® GeForce 6100
	◆	Southbridge: nVIDIA® nForce 430
LAN	◆	Marvell 88E1116 phy (10/100/1000Mbit)
Audio	◆	Onboard Realtek ALC883 CODEC chip
	◆	Supports High Definition Audio
	◆	Supports 2 / 4 / 6 / 8 channel audio
	◆	Supports SPDIF In/Out connection
	◆	Supports CD In connection
IEEE 1394	◆	Onboard T.I. TSB43AB23 chip
	◆	3 IEEE1394a ports
Storage	◆	nVIDIA® nForce 430 - 1 FDD connector, allowing connection of 2 FDD devices - 2 IDE connectors (IDE1, IDE2) with UDMA 33/ATA 66/ATA 100/ATA 133 support, allowing connection of 4 IDE devices - 4 SATA 3Gb/s connectors (SATAII0, SATAII1, SATAII2, SATAII3), allowing connection of 4 SATA 3Gb/s devices - Supports data striping (RAID 0), mirroring (RAID 1), striping+mirroring (RAID 0+1), and RAID 5 for Serial ATA
O.S Support	◆	Microsoft Windows 2000/XP
Memory	◆	4 DDRII DIMM memory slots (supports up to 16GB memory)(Note 1)
	◆	Supports dual channel DDRII 800/667/533/400 DIMMs
	◆	Supports 1.8V DDRII DIMMs
Expanstion Slots	◆	1 PCI Express x 16 slot
	◆	2 PCI Express x 1 slots
	◆	4 PCI slots
Internal Connectors	◆	1 24-pin ATX power connector
	◆	1 4-pin ATX 12V power connector
	◆	1 floppy connector
	◆	2 IDE connectors
	◆	4 SATA 3Gb/s connectors
	◆	1 CPU fan connector
	◆	1 system fan connector
	◆	1 front panel connector
	◆	1 front audio connector
	◆	1 CD In connector
	◆	2 USB 2.0/1.1 connectors for additional 4 USB 2.0/1.1 ports by cable
	◆	2 IEEE1394a connectors for additional 2 ports by cable
	◆	1 SPDIF In/Out connector
	◆	1 power LED connector

Rear Panel I/O	◆	1 PS/2 keyboard port
	◆	1 PS/2 mouse port
	◆	1 parallel port
	◆	1 VGA port
	◆	1 COMA port
	◆	4 USB 2.0/1.1 ports
	◆	1 IEEE1394a port
	◆	1 RJ-45 port
	◆	6 audio jacks (Line In / Line Out / MIC In/Surround Speaker Out (Rear Speaker Out)/Center/Subwoofer Speaker Out/Side Speaker Out)
I/O Control	◆	IT8716 chip
Hardware Monitor	◆	System voltage detection
	◆	CPU / System temperature detection
	◆	CPU / System fan speed detection
	◆	CPU warning temperature
	◆	CPU / System fan failure warning
	◆	Supports CPU / System Smart Fan function(Note 2)
BIOS	◆	1 4Mbit flash ROM
	◆	Use of licensed AWARD BIOS
Additional Features	◆	Supports @BIOS
	◆	Supports Download Center
	◆	Supports Q-Flash
	◆	Supports EasyTune(Note 3)
	◆	Supports Xpress Install
	◆	Supports Xpress Recovery2
	◆	Supports Xpress BIOS Rescue
Bundle Software	◆	Norton Internet Security (OEM version)
Form Factor	◆	ATX form factor; 30.5cm x 21.3cm

(Note 1) Due to the limitation of Windows 32-bit operating system, when more than 4GB of physical memory is installed, the actual memory available for the operating system will be less than 4GB; Windows 64-bit operating system doesn't have such limitation.

(Note 2) Whether the CPU Smart FAN Control function is supported will depend on the CPU you install.

(Note 3) EasyTune functions may vary depending on different motherboards.

1-3 Installation of the CPU and CPU Cooler

CAUTION

Before installing the CPU, please comply with the following conditions:

1. Please make sure that the motherboard supports the CPU.
2. Please take note of the pin 1 marking (the copper triangle) on the CPU. If you install the CPU in the wrong direction, the CPU will not insert properly. If this occurs, please change the insert direction of the CPU.
3. Please add an even layer of heat paste between the CPU and CPU cooler.
4. Please make sure the CPU cooler is installed on the CPU prior to system use, otherwise overheating and permanent damage of the CPU may occur.
5. Please set the CPU host frequency in accordance with the CPU specifications. It is not recommended that the system bus frequency be set beyond hardware specifications since it does not meet the required standards for the peripherals. If you wish to set the frequency beyond the proper specifications, please do so according to your hardware specifications including the CPU, graphics card, memory, hard drive, etc.

1-3-1 Installation of the CPU

Check the CPU pins to see that none are bent. Move the socket lever to the unlocked position as shown in Fig. 1 (90° to the plane of the motherboard) prior to inserting the CPU. The pin 1 location is designated on the CPU by a copper triangle that corresponds to a triangle marking on the socket as shown in Fig. 2. Align the CPU to the socket and gently lower it into place. Do not force the CPU into the socket.

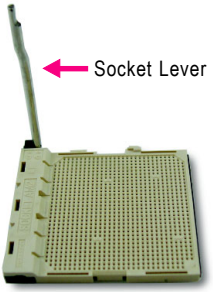


Fig.1
Position lever at a 90 degree angle.

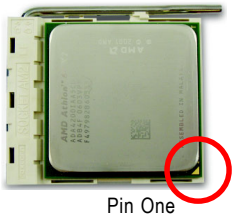


Fig.2
Pin 1 location on the socket and CPU.
Gently place the CPU into position making sure that the CPU pins fit perfectly into their holes. Once the CPU is positioned into its socket, place one finger down on the middle of the CPU and gently press the metal lever back into its original position.

CAUTION

Please use extra care when installing the CPU. The CPU will not fit if positioned incorrectly. Rather than applying force, please change the positioning of the CPU.

1-3-2 Installation of the CPU Cooler



Fig.1
Before installing the CPU cooler, please first add an even layer of heat paste on the surface of the CPU. Install all the CPU cooler components (Please refer to the cooler manual for detailed installation instructions).

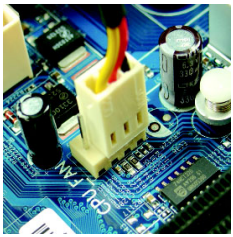


Fig.2
Please connect the CPU cooler power connector to the CPU_FAN connector located on the motherboard so that the CPU cooler can properly function to prevent CPU overheating.

NOTE The CPU cooler may adhere to the CPU as a result of hardening of the heat paste. To prevent such an occurrence, it is suggested that either thermal tape rather than heat paste be used for heat dissipation or using extreme care when removing the CPU cooler.

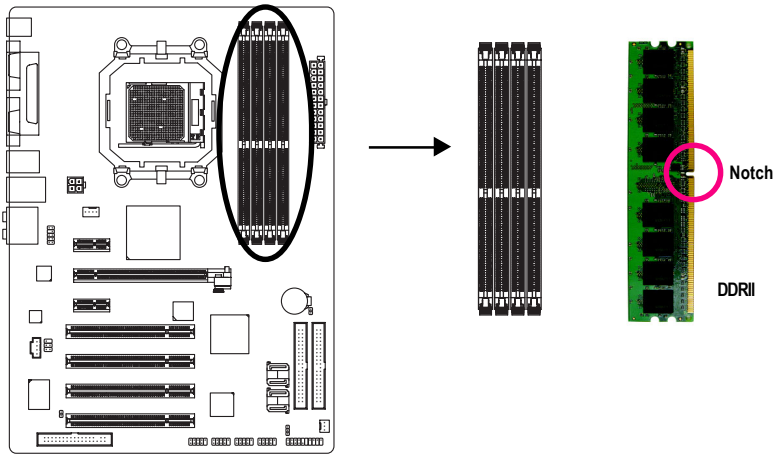
1-4 Installation of Memory

CAUTION

Before installing the memory modules, please comply with the following conditions:

1. Please make sure that the memory used is supported by the motherboard. It is recommended that memory of similar capacity, specifications and brand be used.
2. Before installing or removing memory modules, please make sure that the computer power is switched off to prevent hardware damage.
3. Memory modules have a foolproof insertion design. A memory module can be installed in only one direction. If you are unable to insert the module, please switch the direction.

The motherboard supports DDRII memory modules, whereby BIOS will automatically detect memory capacity and specifications. Memory modules are designed so that they can be inserted only in one direction. The memory capacity used can differ with each slot.



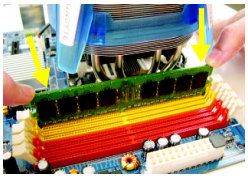


Fig.1
The DIMM socket has a notch, so the DIMM memory module can only fit in one direction. Insert the DIMM memory module vertically into the DIMM socket. Then push it down.

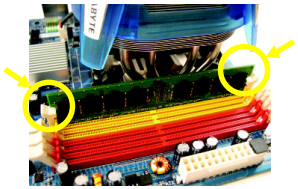


Fig.2
Close the plastic clip at both edges of the DIMM sockets to lock the DIMM module.
Reverse the installation steps when you wish to remove the DIMM module.



Dual Channel Memory Configuration

The GA-M55plus-S3G supports the Dual Channel Technology. After operating the Dual Channel Technology, the bandwidth of Memory Bus will double.

Due to CPU limitation, if you wish to operate the Dual Channel Technology, follow the guidelines below:

1. Dual Channel mode will not be enabled if only one memory module is installed.
2. To enable Dual Channel mode with two memory modules (it is recommended to use memory modules of identical brand, size, chips, and speed), you must install them into DIMM sockets of the same color.
3. To enable Dual Channel mode with four memory modules, it is recommended to use memory modules of identical brand, size, chips, and speed.

The following is a Dual Channel Memory configuration table:
(DS: Double Side, SS: Single Side, "--": Empty)

DIMM Socket	DDRII_1	DDRII_2	DDRII_3	DDRII_4
2 memory modules	DS/SS	DS/SS	--	--
	--	--	DS/SS	DS/SS
4 memory modules	DS/SS	DS/SS	DS/SS	DS/SS



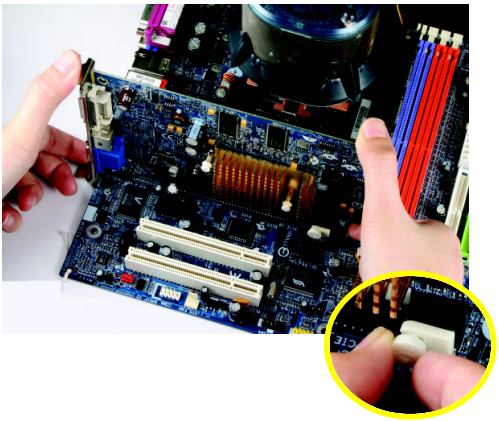
If two memory modules are to be used to achieve Dual Channel mode, we recommend installing them in DDRII_1 and DDRII_2 DIMM sockets.

1-5 Installation of Expansion Cards

You can install your expansion card by following the steps outlined below:

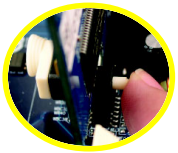
1. Read the related expansion card's instruction document before install the expansion card into the computer.
2. Remove your computer's chassis cover, screws and slot bracket from the computer.
3. Press the expansion card firmly into expansion slot in motherboard.
4. Be sure the metal contacts on the card are indeed seated in the slot.
5. Replace the screw to secure the slot bracket of the expansion card.
6. Replace your computer's chassis cover.
7. Power on the computer, if necessary, setup BIOS utility of expansion card from BIOS.
8. Install related driver from the operating system.

Installing a PCI Express x 16 expansion card:



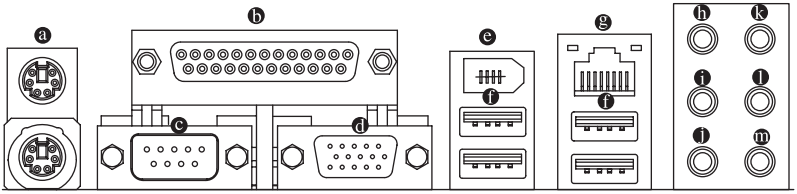
CAUTION

Please carefully pull out the small white-drawable bar at the end of the PCI Express x 16 slot when you try to install/uninstall the VGA card. Please align the VGA card to the onboard PCI Express x 16 slot and press firmly down on the slot. Make sure your VGA card is locked by the small white-drawable bar.



To install a VGA card or to release an installed card, users can also press the latch on the back of the drawable bar as the picture to the left shows.

1-6 I/O Back Panel Introduction



a PS/2 Keyboard and PS/2 Mouse Connector

To install a PS/2 port keyboard and mouse, plug the mouse to the upper port (green) and the keyboard to the lower port (purple).

b Parallel Port

The parallel port allows connection of a printer, scanner and other peripheral devices.

c COMA (Serial Port)

Connects to serial-based mouse or data processing devices.

d VGA Port

Monitor can be connected to VGA port.

e IEEE 1394a Port

Serial interface standard set by Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, which has features like high speed, high bandwidth and hot plug.

f USB port

Before you connect your device(s) into USB connector(s), please make sure your device(s) such as USB keyboard, mouse, scanner, zip, speaker...etc. have a standard USB interface.
Also make sure your OS supports USB controller. If your OS does not support USB controller, please contact OS vendor for possible patch or driver upgrade. For more information please contact your OS or device(s) vendors.

g LAN Port

The provided Internet connection is Gigabit Ethernet , providing data transfer speeds of 10/100/1000Mbps.

h Center/Subwoofer Speaker Out

The default Center/Subwoofer Speaker Out jack. Center/Subwoofer speakers can be connected to Center/Subwoofer Speaker Out jack.

i Surround Speaker Out (Rear Speaker Out)

The default Surround Speaker Out (Rear Speaker Out) jack. Rear surround speakers can be connected to Surround Speaker Out (Rear Speaker Out) jack.

j Side Speaker Out

The default Side Speaker Out jack. Surround side speakers can be connected to Side Speaker Out jack.

k Line In

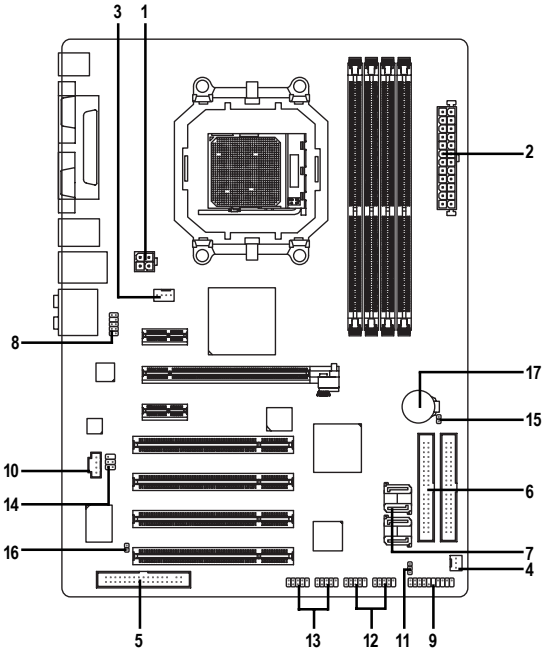
The default Line In jack. Devices like CD-ROM, walkman etc. can be connected to Line In jack.

❶ **Line Out (Front Speaker Out)**
The default Line Out (Front Speaker Out) jack. Stereo speakers, earphone or front surround speakers can be connected to Line Out (Front Speaker Out) jack.

⓫ **MIC In**
The default MIC In jack. Microphone must be connected to MIC In jack.

NOTE In addition to the default speakers settings, the ❶ ~ ⓫ audio jacks can be reconfigured to perform different functions via the audio software. Only microphones still MUST be connected to the default Mic In jack (⓫). Please refer to the 2-/4-/6-/8- channel audio setup steps for detailed software configuration information.

1-7 Connectors Introduction



1) ATX_12V	10) CD_IN
2) ATX (Power Connector)	11) PWR_LED
3) CPU_FAN	12) F_USB1 / F_USB2
4) SYS_FAN	13) F1_1394 / F2_1394
5) FDD	14) SPDIF_IO
6) IDE1 / IDE2	15) CLR_CMOS
7) SATAII0/1/2/3	16) CI
8) F_AUDIO	17) BATTERY
9) F_PANEL	

1/2) ATX_12V/ATX (Power Connector)

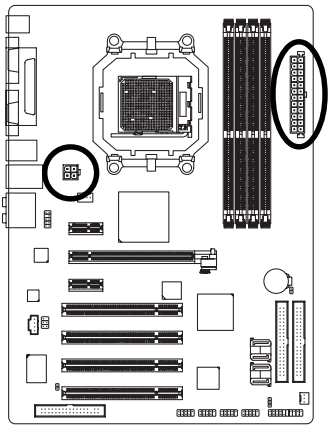
With the use of the power connector, the power supply can supply enough stable power to all the components on the motherboard. Before connecting the power connector, please make sure that all components and devices are properly installed. Align the power connector with its proper location on the motherboard and connect tightly.

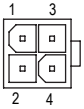
The ATX_12V power connector mainly supplies power to the CPU. If the ATX_12V power connector is not connected, the system will not start.

Caution!

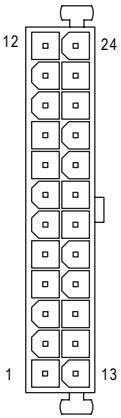
Please use a power supply that is able to handle the system voltage requirements. It is recommended that a power supply that can withstand high power consumption be used (300W or greater). If a power supply is used that does not provide the required power, the result can lead to an unstable system or a system that is unable to start.

If you use a 24-pin ATX power supply, please remove the small cover on the power connector on the motherboard before plugging in the power cord ; otherwise, please do not remove it.





Pin No.	Definition
1	GND
2	GND
3	+12V
4	+12V



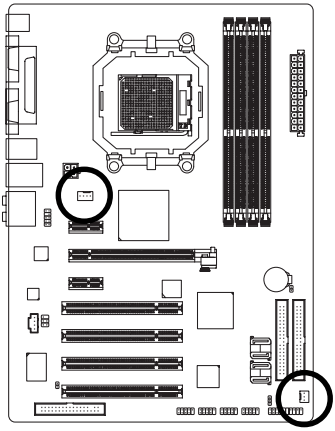
Pin No.	Definition	Pin No.	Definition
1	3.3V	13	3.3V
2	3.3V	14	-12V
3	GND	15	GND
4	+5V	16	PS_ON(soft On/Off)
5	GND	17	GND
6	+5V	18	GND
7	GND	19	GND
8	Power Good	20	-5V
9	5V SB(stand by +5V)	21	+5V
10	+12V	22	+5V
11	+12V(Only for 24-pin ATX)	23	+5V (Only for 24-pin ATX)
12	3.3V(Only for 24-pin ATX)	24	GND(Only for 24-pin ATX)

3/4) CPU_FAN / SYS_FAN (Cooler Fan Power Connector)

The cooler fan power connector supplies a +12V power voltage via a 3-pin/4-pin (only for CPU_FAN) power connector and possesses a foolproof connection design.

Most coolers are designed with color-coded power connector wires. A red power connector wire indicates a positive connection and requires a +12V power voltage. The black connector wire is the ground wire (GND).

Please remember to connect the CPU/system fan cable to the CPU_FAN/SYS_FAN connector to prevent the CPU/system from overheating and failure.



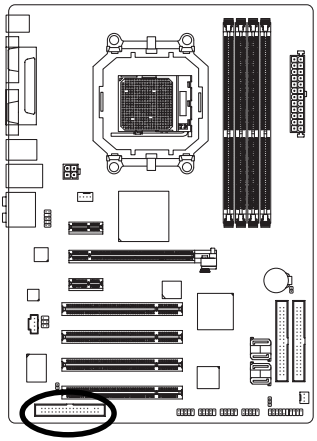


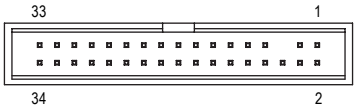


Pin No.	Definition
1	GND
2	+12V
3	Sense
4	Speed Control (Only for CPU_FAN)

5) FDD (FDD Connector)

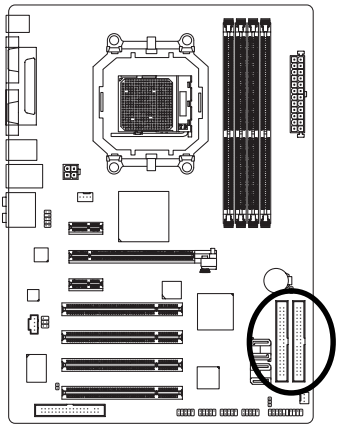
The FDD connector is used to connect the FDD cable while the other end of the cable connects to the FDD drive. The types of FDD drives supported are: 360KB, 720KB, 1.2MB, 1.44MB and 2.88MB. Please connect the red power connector wire to the pin1 position.

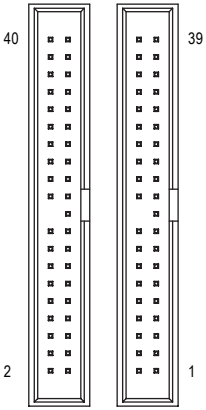




6) IDE1 / IDE2 (IDE Connector)

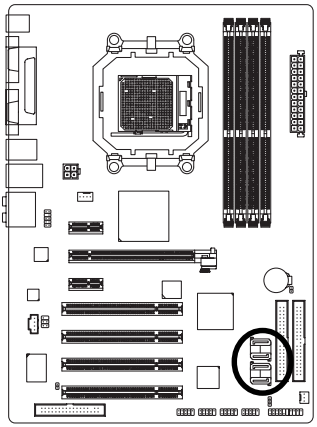
An IDE device connects to the computer via an IDE connector. One IDE connector can connect to one IDE cable, and the single IDE cable can then connect to two IDE devices (hard drive or optical drive). If you wish to connect two IDE devices, please set the jumper on one IDE device as Master and the other as Slave (for information on settings, please refer to the instructions located on the IDE device).

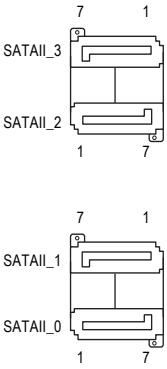




7) SATAII0/1/2/3 (SATA 3Gb/s Connectors, Controlled by nForce 430)

SATA 3Gb/s can provide up to 300MB/s transfer rate. Please refer to the BIOS setting for the SATA 3Gb/s and install the proper driver in order to work properly.

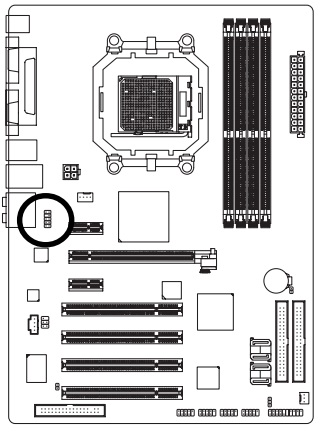




Pin No.	Definition
1	GND
2	TXP
3	TXN
4	GND
5	RXN
6	RXP
7	GND

8) F_AUDIO (Front Audio Connector)

This connector supports either HD (High Definition) or AC97 front panel audio module. If you wish to use the front audio function, connect the front panel audio module to this connector. Check the pin assignments carefully while you connect the front panel audio module. Incorrect connection between the module and connector will make the audio device unable to work or even damage it. For optional front panel audio module, please contact your chassis manufacturer.





HD Audio:

Pin No.	Definition
1	MIC2_L
2	GND
3	MIC2_R
4	-ACZ_DET
5	LINE2_R
6	FSENSE1
7	FAUDIO_JD
8	No Pin
9	LINE2_L
10	FSENSE2

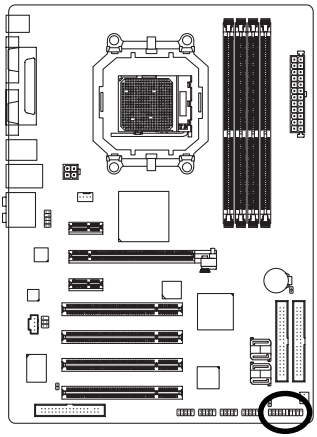
AC'97 Audio:

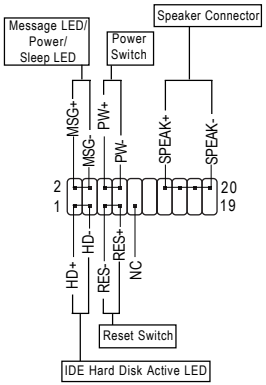
Pin No.	Definition
1	MIC
2	GND
3	MIC Power
4	NC
5	Line Out (R)
6	NC
7	NC
8	No Pin
9	Line Out (L)
10	NC

NOTE By default, the audio driver is configured to support HD Audio. To connect an AC97 front panel audio module to this connector, please refer to the instructions on Page 83 about the software settings.

9) F_PANEL (Front Panel Jumper)

Please connect the power LED, PC speaker, reset switch and power switch etc of your chassis front panel to the F_PANEL connector according to the pin assignment below.

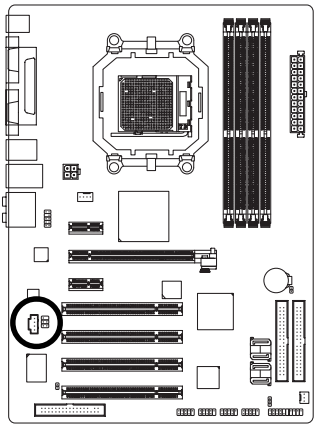


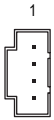


HD (IDE Hard Disk Active LED)	Pin 1: LED anode(+) Pin 2: LED cathode(-)
SPEAK (Speaker Connector)	Pin 1: Power Pin 2- Pin 3: NC Pin 4: Data(-)
RES (Reset Switch)	Open: Normal Close: Reset Hardware System
PW (Power Switch)	Open: Normal Close: Power On/Off
MSG (Message LED/Power/Sleep LED)	Pin 1: LED anode(+) Pin 2: LED cathode(-)
NC	NC

10) CD_IN (CD In Connector)

Connect CD-ROM or DVD-ROM audio out to the connector.

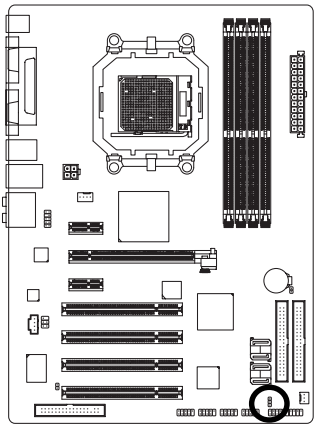




Pin No.	Definition
1	CD-L
2	GND
3	GND
4	CD-R

11) PWR_LED

PWR_LED is connect with the system power indicator to indicate whether the system is on/off. It will blink when the system enters suspend mode.

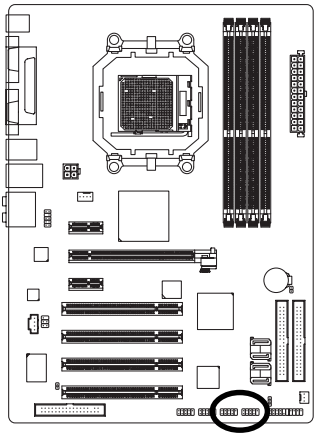




Pin No.	Definition
1	MPD+
2	MPD-
3	MPD-

12) F_ USB1 / F_USB2 (Front USB Connector)

Be careful with the polarity of the front USB connector. Check the pin assignment carefully while you connect the front USB cable, incorrect connection between the cable and connector will make the device unable to work or even damage it. For optional front USB cable, please contact your local dealer.

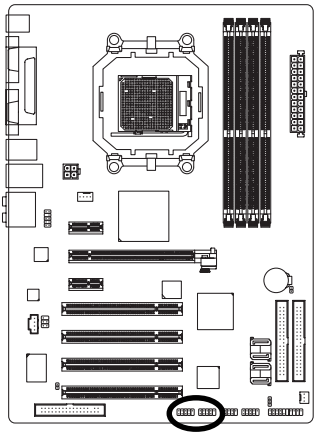




Pin No.	Definition
1	Power (5V)
2	Power (5V)
3	USB DX-
4	USB Dy-
5	USB DX+
6	USB Dy+
7	GND
8	GND
9	No Pin
10	NC

13) F1_1394 / F2_1394(IEEE 1394 Connector)

Serial interface standard set by Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, which has features like high speed, highbandwidth and hot plug. Be careful with the polarity of the IEEE1394 connector. Check the pin assignment carefully while you connect the IEEE1394 cable, incorrect connection between the cable and connector will make the device unable to work or even damage it. For optional IEEE1394 cable, please contact your local dealer.

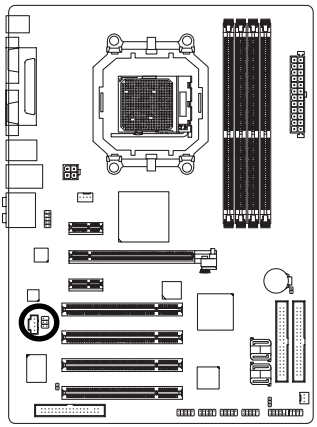




Pin No.	Definition
1	TPA+
2	TPA-
3	GND
4	GND
5	TPB+
6	TPB-
7	Power (12V)
8	Power (12V)
9	No Pin
10	GND

14) SPDIF_IO (SPDIF In/Out)

The SPDIF output is capable of providing digital audio to external speakers or compressed AC3 data to an external Dolby Digital Decoder. Use this feature only when your stereo system has digital input function. Use SPDIF IN feature only when your device has digital output function. Be careful with the polarity of the SPDIF_IO connector. Check the pin assignment carefully while you connect the SPDIF cable, incorrect connection between the cable and connector will make the device unable to work or even damage it. For optional SPDIF cable, please contact your local dealer.

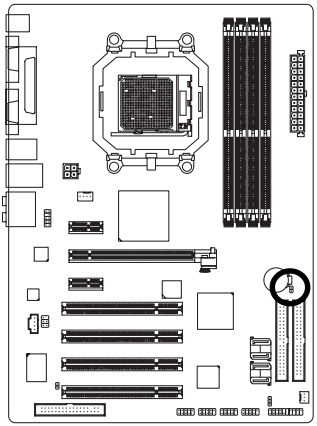




Pin No.	Definition
1	Power
2	No Pin
3	SPDIF
4	SPDIFI
5	GND
6	GND

15) CLR_CMOS (Clear CMOS)

You may clear the CMOS data to its default values by this header. To clear CMOS, temporarily short the two pins. Default doesn't include the jumper to avoid improper use of this header.





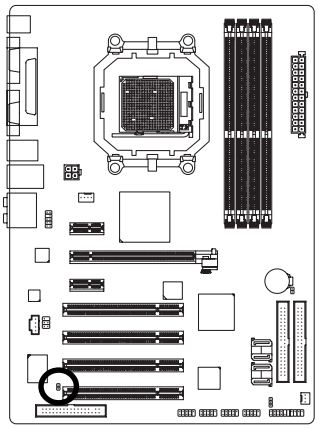
Open: Normal



Short: Clear CMOS

16) CI (Chassis Intrusion, Case Open)

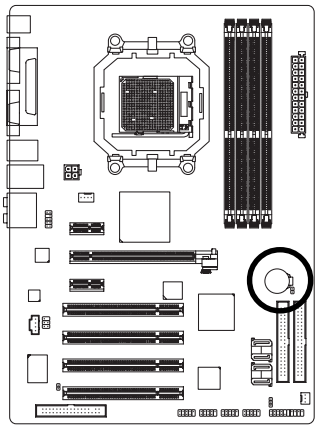
This 2-pin connector allows your system to detect if the chassis cover is removed. You can check the "Case Open" status in BIOS Setup.

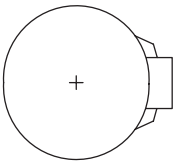




Pin No.	Definition
1	Signal
2	GND

17) BATTERY





- ❖ Danger of explosion if battery is incorrectly replaced.
- ❖ Replace only with the same or equivalent type recommended by the manufacturer.
- ❖ Dispose of used batteries according to the manufacturer's instructions.

If you want to erase CMOS...

1. Turn off the computer and unplug the power cord.
2. Gently take out the battery and put it aside for about one minute. (Or you can use a metal object to connect the positive and negative pins in the battery holder to makethem short for five seconds.)
3. Re-install the battery.
4. Plug the power cord in and turn on the computer.

Chapter 2 BIOS Setup

BIOS (Basic Input and Output System) includes a CMOS SETUP utility which allows user to configure required settings or to activate certain system features.
The CMOS SETUP saves the configuration in the CMOS SRAM of the motherboard.
When the power is turned off, the battery on the motherboard supplies the necessary power to the CMOS SRAM.
When the power is turned on, pressing the <Del> button during the BIOS POST (Power-On Self Test) will take you to the CMOS SETUP screen. You can enter the BIOS setup screen by pressing "Ctrl + F1".
If you wish to upgrade to a new BIOS, either Gigabyte's Q-Flash or @BIOS utility can be used.
Q-Flash allows the user to quickly and easily update or backup BIOS without entering the operating system.
@BIOS is a Windows-based utility that does not require users to boot to DOS before upgrading BIOS but directly download and update BIOS from the Internet.

CONTROL KEYS

<↑><↓><←><→>	Move to select item
<Enter>	Select Item
<Esc>	Main Menu - Quit and not save changes into CMOS Status Page Setup Menu and Option Page Setup Menu - Exit current page and return to Main Menu
<Page Up>	Increase the numeric value or make changes
<Page Down>	Decrease the numeric value or make changes
<F1>	General help, only for Status Page Setup Menu and Option Page Setup Menu
<F2>	Item Help
<F5>	Restore the previous CMOS value from CMOS, only for Option Page Setup Menu
<F6>	Load the fail-safe default CMOS value from BIOS default table
<F7>	Load the Optimized Defaults
<F8>	Q-Flash utility
<F9>	System Information
<F10>	Save all the CMOS changes, only for Main Menu

Main Menu

The on-line description of the highlighted setup function is displayed at the bottom of the screen.

Status Page Setup Menu / Option Page Setup Menu

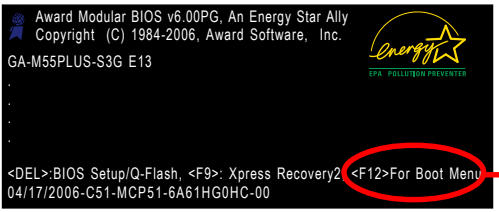
Press <F1> to pop up a small help window that describes the appropriate keys to use and the possible selections for the highlighted item. To exit the Help Window press <Esc>.

CAUTION

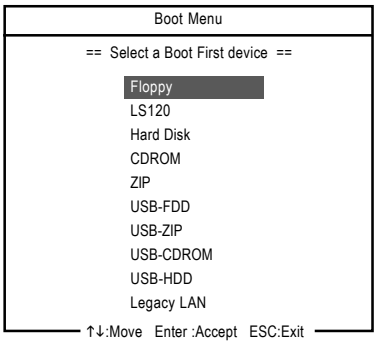
Because BIOS flashing is potentially risky, please do it with caution and avoid inadequate operation that may result in system malfunction.

<F12> : For Boot Menu

Select boot sequence for onboard (or add-on cards) device.



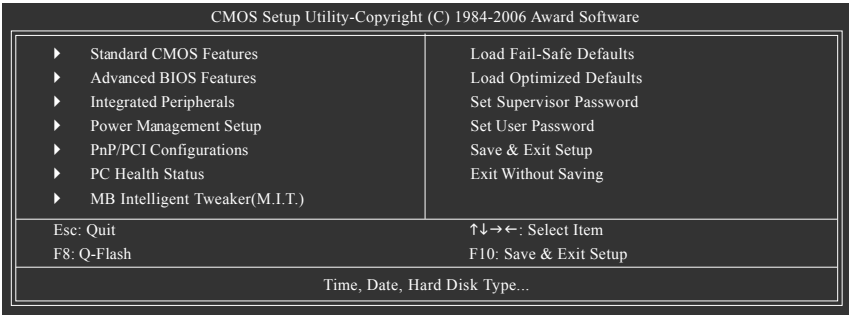
Use <↑> or <↓> to select a device, then press enter to accept . Press <ESC> to exit this menu.



NOTE The BIOS Setup menus described in this chapter are for reference only and may differ from the exact settings for your motherboard.

The Main Menu (For example: BIOS Ver. : E21)

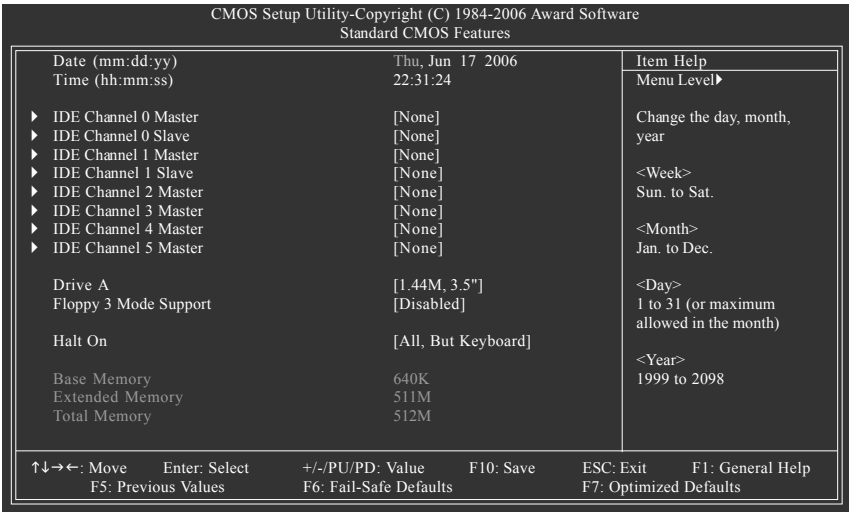
Once you enter Award BIOS CMOS Setup Utility, the Main Menu (as figure below) will appear on the screen. Use arrow keys to select among the items and press <Enter> to accept or enter the sub-menu.



NOTE If you can't find the setting you want, please press "Ctrl+F1" to search the advanced option hidden.Please Load Optimized Defaults in the BIOS when somehow the system works not stable as usual. This action makes the system reset to the default for stability.

- **Standard CMOS Features**
  This setup page includes all the items in standard compatible BIOS.
- **Advanced BIOS Features**
  This setup page includes all the items of Award special enhanced features.
- **Integrated Peripherals**
  This setup page includes all onboard peripherals.
- **Power Management Setup**
  This setup page includes all the items of Green function features.
- **PnP/PCI Configuration**
  This setup page includes all the configurations of PCI & PnP ISA resources.
- **PC Health Status**
  This setup page is about system autodetect temperature, voltage, fan speed, etc.
- **MB Intelligent Tweaker(M.I.T.)**
  This setup page is to control CPU clock and frequency ratio.
- **Load Fail-Safe Defaults**
  Fail-Safe Defaults indicates the value of the system parameters which the system would be in safe configuration.
- **Load Optimized Defaults**
  Optimized Defaults indicates the value of the system parameters which the system would be in best performance configuration.
- **Set Supervisor Password**
  Change, set, or disable password. It allows you to limit access to the system and Setup, or just to Setup.
- **Set User Password**
  Change, set, or disable password. It allows you to limit access to the system.
- **Save & Exit Setup**
  Save CMOS value settings to CMOS and exit setup.
- **Exit Without Saving**
  Abandon all CMOS value changes and exit setup.

2-1 Standard CMOS Features



☞ **Date**

The date format is <week>, <month>, <day>, <year>.

- ⏩ Week — The week, from Sun to Sat, determined by the BIOS and is display only
- ⏩ Month — The month, Jan. Through Dec.
- ⏩ Day — The day, from 1 to 31 (or the maximum allowed in the month)
- ⏩ Year — The year, from 1999 through 2098

☞ **Time**

The times format in <hour> <minute> <second>. The time is calculated based on the 24-hour military-time clock. For example, 1 p.m. is 13:00:00.

☞ **IDE Channel 0 Master/Slave; IDE Channel 1 Master/Slave**

⏩ IDE HDD Auto-Detection Press "Enter" to select this option for automatic device detection.

⏩ IDE Channel 0 Master/Slave; IDE Channel 1 Master/Slave devices setup. You can use one of three methods:

- Auto — Allows BIOS to automatically detect IDE devices during POST. (Default value)
- None — Select this if no IDE devices are used and the system will skip the automatic detection step and allow for faster system start up.
- Manual — User can manually input the correct settings.

⏩ Access Mode — Use this to set the access mode for the hard drive. The four options are: CHS/LBA/Large/Auto(default:Auto)

☞ **IDE Channel 2/3/4/5 Master**

⏩ IDE HDD Auto-Detection Press "Enter" to select this option for automatic device detection.

⏩ Extended IDE Drive You can use one of the two methods:

- Auto — Allows BIOS to automatically detect IDE devices during POST(default)
- None — Select this if no IDE devices are used and the system will skip the automatic detection step and allow for faster system start up.

- Access Mode — Use this to set the access mode for the hard drive. The two options are: Large/Auto(default:Auto)
- Capacity — Capacity of currently installed hard drive.

Hard drive information should be labeled on the outside drive casing. Enter the appropriate option based on this information.

- Cylinder — Number of cylinders
- Head — Number of heads
- Precomp — Write precomp
- Landing Zone — Landing zone
- Sector — Number of sectors

☞ **Drive A**

The category identifies the types of floppy disk drive A that has been installed in the computer.

- None — No floppy drive installed.
- 360K, 5.25" — 5.25 inch PC-type standard drive; 360K byte capacity.
- 1.2M, 5.25" — 5.25 inch AT-type high-density drive; 1.2M byte capacity. (3.5 inch when 3 Mode is Enabled).
- 720K, 3.5" — 3.5 inch double-sided drive; 720K byte capacity .
- 1.44M, 3.5" — 3.5 inch double-sided drive; 1.44M byte capacity.
- 2.88M, 3.5" — 3.5 inch double-sided drive; 2.88M byte capacity.

☞ **Floppy 3 Mode Support (for Japan Area)**

- Disabled — Normal Floppy Drive. (Default value)
- Drive A — Drive A is 3 mode Floppy Drive.

☞ **Halt on**

The category determines whether the computer will stop if an error is detected during power up.

- No Errors — The system boot will not stop for any error that may be detected and you will be prompted.
- All Errors — Whenever the BIOS detects a non-fatal error the system will be stopped.
- All, But Keyboard — The system boot will not stop for a keyboard error; it will stop for all other errors. (Default value)
- All, But Diskette — The system boot will not stop for a disk error; it will stop for all other errors.
- All, But Disk/Key — The system boot will not stop for a keyboard or disk error; it will stop for all other errors.

☞ **Memory**

The category is display-only which is determined by POST (Power On Self Test) of the BIOS.

Base Memory

The POST of the BIOS will determine the amount of base (or conventional) memory installed in the system.

The value of the base memory is typically 512K for systems with 512K memory installed on the motherboard, or 640K for systems with 640K or more memory installed on the motherboard.

Extended Memory

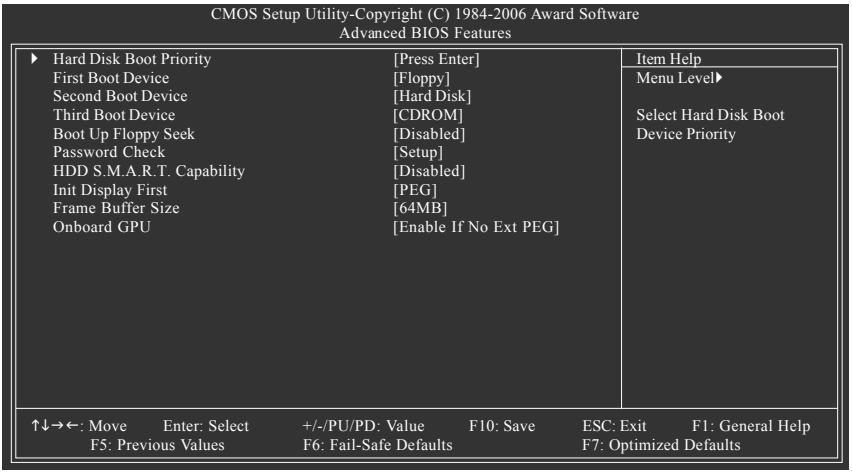
The BIOS determines how much extended memory is present during the POST.

This is the amount of memory located above 1 MB in the CPU's memory address map.

Total Memory

This item displays the memory size that used.

2-2 Advanced BIOS Features



☞ **Hard Disk Boot Priority**

Select boot sequence for onboard(or add-on cards) SCSI, RAID, etc.

Use <↑> or <↓> to select a device, then press<+> to move it up, or <-> to move it down the list. Press <ESC> to exit this menu.

☞ **First / Second / Third Boot Device**

- Floppy Select your boot device priority by Floppy.
- LS120 Select your boot device priority by LS120.
- Hard Disk Select your boot device priority by Hard Disk.
- CDROM Select your boot device priority by CDROM.
- ZIP Select your boot device priority by ZIP.
- USB-FDD Select your boot device priority by USB-FDD.
- USB-ZIP Select your boot device priority by USB-ZIP.
- USB-CDROM Select your boot device priority by USB-CDROM.
- USB-HDD Select your boot device priority by USB-HDD.
- Legacy LAN Select your boot device priority by LAN.
- Disabled Disable this function.

☞ **Boot Up Floppy Seek**

During POST, BIOS will determine the floppy disk drive installed is 40 or 80 tracks. 360K type is 40 tracks 720K, 1.2M and 1.44M are all 80 tracks.

- Enabled BIOS searches for floppy disk drive to determine it is 40 or 80 tracks. Note that BIOS can not tell from 720K, 1.2M or 1.44M drive type as they are all 80 tracks.
- Disabled BIOS will not search for the type of floppy disk drive by track number. Note that there will not be any warning message if the drive installed is 360K. (Default value)

☞ **Password Check**

- ⏩ System — The system can not boot and can not access to Setup page will be denied if the correct password is not entered at the prompt.
- ⏩ Setup — The system will boot, but access to Setup will be denied if the correct password is not entered at the prompt. (Default value)

☞ **HDD S.M.A.R.T. Capability**

This feature allows your hard disk to report read/write errors and to issue warnings when third-party hardware monitor utility is installed.

- ⏩ Enabled — Enable HDD S.M.A.R.T. capability.
- ⏩ Disabled — Disable HDD S.M.A.R.T. capability. (Default value)

☞ **Init Display First**

This feature allows you to select the first initiation of the monitor display from which card when you install a PCI card and a PCI Express VGA card on the motherboard.

- ⏩ PCI Slot — Set Init Display First to PCI VGA card.
- ⏩ Onboard VGA — Set Init Display First to onboard VGA.
- ⏩ PEG — Set Init Display First to PCI Express VGA card.(Default value)

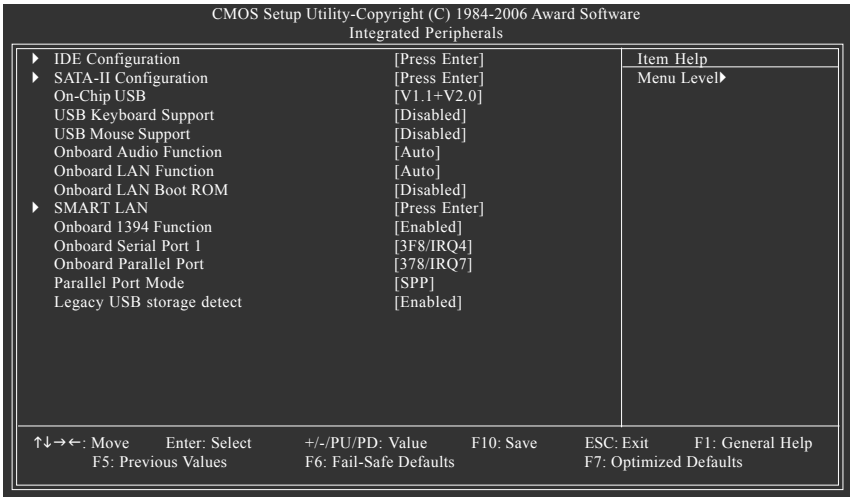
☞ **Frame Buffer Size**

- ⏩ 16MB — Set on-chip frame buffer size to 16MB.
- ⏩ 32MB — Set on-chip frame buffer size to 32MB.
- ⏩ 64MB — Set on-chip frame buffer size to 64MB. (Default value)
- ⏩ 128MB — Set on-chip frame buffer size to 128MB.
- ⏩ Disabled — Disable this function.

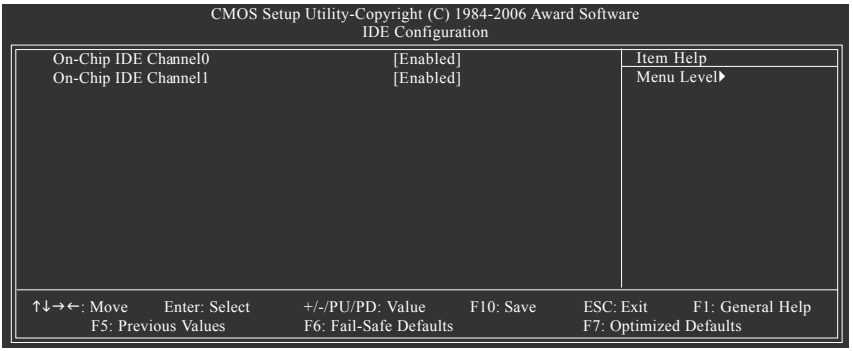
☞ **Onboard GPU**

- ⏩ Enable If No Ext PEG — Output from the onboard GPU when no PCI Express VGA card is installed. (Default value)
- ⏩ Always Enable — Always output from the onboard GPU.

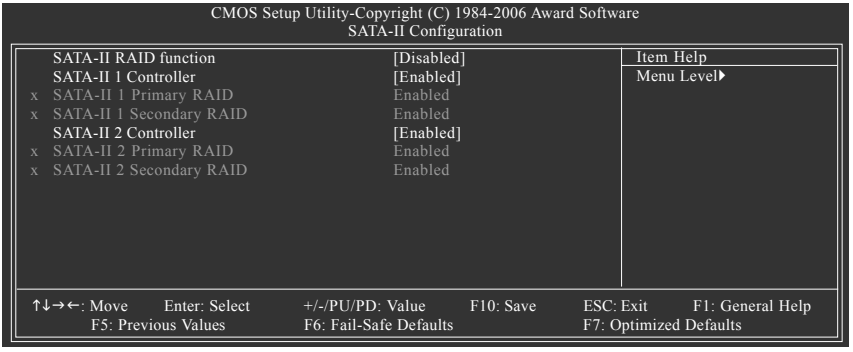
2-3 Integrated Peripherals



☞ IDE Configuration



☞ SATA-II Configuration



☞ **On-Chip IDE Channel0**
- ⏩ Enabled — Enable onboard 1st channel IDE port. (Default value)
- ⏩ Disabled — Disable onboard 1st channel IDE port.

☞ **On-Chip IDE Channel1**
- ⏩ Enabled — Enable onboard 2nd channel IDE port. (Default value)
- ⏩ Disabled — Disable onboard 2nd channel IDE port.

☞ **SATA-II RAID function**
- ⏩ Enabled — Allows users to configure individual SATA channels as RAID or ATA mode.
- ⏩ Disabled — Disable the RAID function for all of the onboard SATA channels. (Default value)

☞ **SATA-II 1 Controller**
- ⏩ Enabled — Enable the first SATAII controller.(Default value)
- ⏩ Disabled — Disable the first SATAII controller.

☞ **SATA-II 1 Primary RAID**
- ⏩ Enabled — Enable RAID function for the first channel of the first SATAII controller.(Default value)
- ⏩ Disabled — Disable this function.

☞ **SATA-II 1 Secondary RAID**
- ⏩ Enabled — Enable RAID function for the second channel of the first SATAII controller. (Default value)
- ⏩ Disabled — Disable this function.

☞ **SATA-II 2 Controller**
- ⏩ Enabled — Enable the second SATAII controller.(Default value)
- ⏩ Disabled — Disable the second SATAII controller.

☞ **SATA-II 2 Primary RAID**
- ⏩ Enabled — Enable RAID function for the first channel of the second SATAII controller.(Default value)
- ⏩ Disabled — Disable this function.

☞ **SATA-II 2 Secondary RAID**
- ⏩ Enabled — Enable RAID function for the second channel of the second SATAII controller.(Default value)
- ⏩ Disabled — Disable this function.

☞ **On-Chip USB**
- ⏩ V1.1+V2.0 — Enable USB 1.1 and USB 2.0 controllers. (Default Value)
- ⏩ V1.1 — Enable only USB 1.1 controller.
- ⏩ Disabled — Disable onchip USB support.

☞ **USB Keyboard Support**
- ⏩ Enabled — Enable USB keyboard support.
- ⏩ Disabled — Disable USB keyboard support. (Default value)

☞ **USB Mouse Support**
- ⏩ Enabled — Enable USB mouse support.
- ⏩ Disabled — Disable USB mouse support. (Default value)

☞ **Onboard Audio Function**
- ⏩ Auto — Auto-detect onboard audio function. (Default value)
- ⏩ Disabled — Disable this function.

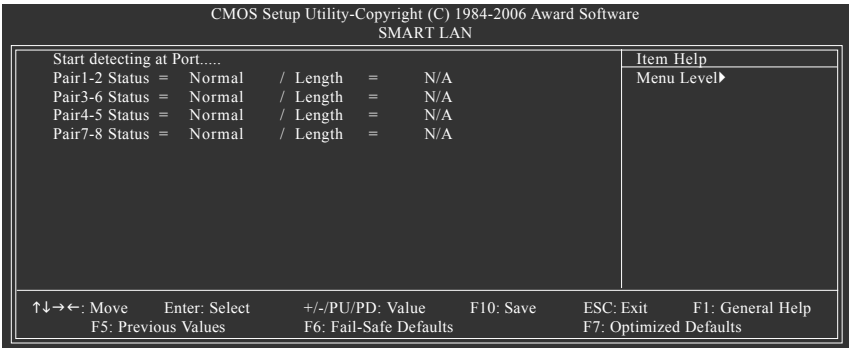
☞ **Onboard LAN Function**
- ⏩ Auto — Auto-detect onboard LAN chip function.(Default value)
- ⏩ Disabled — Disable onboard LAN chip function.

☞ Onboard LAN Boot ROM

This function decide whether to invoke the boot ROM of the onboard LAN chip.

- ⏩ Enabled Enable this function.
- ⏩ Disabled Disable this function. (Default value)

☞ SMART LAN (LAN Cable Diagnostic Function)



This motherboard incorporates cable diagnostic feature designed to detect the status of the attached LAN cable. This feature will detect cabling issue and report the approximate distance to the fault or short. Refer to the following information for diagnosing your LAN cable:

⏩ **When LAN Cable Is Functioning Normally...**

1. If no cable problem is detected on the LAN cable connected to a Gigabit hub, the **Status** fields of Pair 1-2, Pair 3-6, Pair 4-5, and Pair 7-8 will show **Normal** and the **Length** fields will show **N/A**, as shown in the figure above.
2. If no cable problem is detected on the LAN cable connected to a 10/100 Mbps hub, the **Status** fields of Pair 1-2 and Pair 3-6 will show **Normal** and the **Length** fields will show **N/A**. However, because Pair 4-5 and Pair 7-8 are not used in a 10/100 Mbps environment, their **Status** fields will show **Short** or **Open**, and the length shown is the approximate length of the attached LAN cable.

⏩ **When a Cable Problem Occurs...**

If a cable problem occurs on a specified pair of wires, the **Status** field will show **Short** or **Open** and the length shown will be the approximate distance to the fault or short.

For example, if it shows `Pair1-2 Status = Short / Length = 1.6m`, it means that a fault or short might occur at about 1.6m on Pair 1-2.

⏩ **When No LAN Cable Is Attached...**

If no LAN cable is attached to the motherboard, the **Status** fields of all four pairs of wires will show **Open**.

☞ **Onboard 1394 Function**

- ⏩ Enabled — Enable onboard IEEE1394 function.(Default value)
- ⏩ Disabled — Disable onboard IEEE1394 function.

☞ **Onboard Serial Port 1**

- ⏩ Auto — BIOS will automatically setup the port 1 address.
- ⏩ 3F8/IRQ4 — Enable onboard Serial port 1 and address is 3F8/IRQ4. (Default value)
- ⏩ 2F8/IRQ3 — Enable onboard Serial port 1 and address is 2F8/IRQ3.
- ⏩ 3E8/IRQ4 — Enable onboard Serial port 1 and address is 3E8/IRQ4.
- ⏩ 2E8/IRQ3 — Enable onboard Serial port 1 and address is 2E8/IRQ3.
- ⏩ Disabled — Disable onboard Serial port 1.

☞ **Onboard Parallel Port**

- ⏩ Disabled — Disable onboard LPT port.
- ⏩ 378/IRQ7 — Enable onboard LPT port and address is 378/IRQ7. (Default value)
- ⏩ 278/IRQ5 — Enable onboard LPT port and address is 278/IRQ5.
- ⏩ 3BC/IRQ7 — Enable onboard LPT port and address is 3BC/IRQ7.

☞ **Parallel Port Mode**

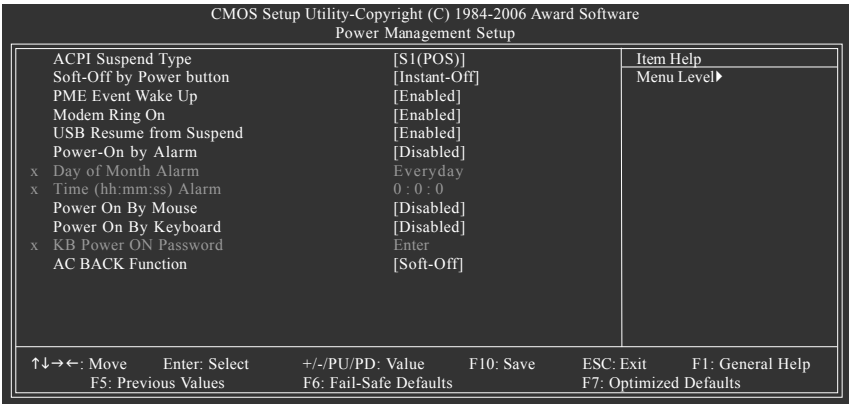
- ⏩ SPP — Using Parallel port as Standard Parallel Port. (Default value)
- ⏩ EPP — Using Parallel port as Enhanced Parallel Port.
- ⏩ ECP — Using Parallel port as Extended Capabilities Port.
- ⏩ ECP+EPP — Using Parallel port as ECP and EPP mode.

☞ **Legacy USB storage detect**

This option allows users to decide whether to detect USB storage devices, including USB flash drives and USB hard drives during POST.

- ⏩ Enabled — BIOS will scan all USB storage devices. (Default value)
- ⏩ Disabled — Disable this function.

2-4 Power Management Setup



☞ **ACPI Suspend Type**

- ⏩ S1(POS) Set ACPI suspend type to S1/POS(Power On Suspend). (Default value)
- ⏩ S3(STR) Set ACPI suspend type to S3/STR(Suspend To RAM).

☞ **Soft-Off by Power button**

- ⏩ Instant-Off Press power button then Power off instantly. (Default value)
- ⏩ Delay 4 Sec. Press power button 4 sec. to Power off. Enter suspend if button is pressed less than 4 sec.

☞ **PME Event Wake Up**

This feature requires an ATX power supply that provides at least 1A on the 5VSB lead.

- ⏩ Disabled Disable this function.
- ⏩ Enabled Enable PME as wake up event. (Default value)

☞ **Modem Ring On**

An incoming call via modem can awake the system from any suspend state.

- ⏩ Disabled Disable this function.
- ⏩ Enabled Enable Modem Ring On function. (Default value)

☞ **USB Resume from Suspend**

- ⏩ Disabled Disable this function.
- ⏩ Enabled Enable USB device wake up system from suspend mode. (Default value)

☞ **Power-On by Alarm**

You can set "Power-On by Alarm" item to enabled and key in Date/Time to power on system.

- ⏩ Disabled Disable this function. (Default value)
- ⏩ Enabled Enable alarm function to POWER ON system.

If Power-On by Alarm is Enabled.

- ⏩ Day of Month Alarm : Everyday, 1~31
- ⏩ Time (hh: mm: ss) Alarm : (0~23) : (0~59) : (0~59)

☞ **Power On By Mouse**

- ⏩ Disabled — Disabled this function. (Default value)
- ⏩ Double-Click — Double click on PS/2 mouse left button to power on the system.

☞ **Power On By Keyboard**

- ⏩ Disabled — Disabled this function. (Default value)
- ⏩ Keyboard 98 — If your keyboard have "POWER Key" button, you can press the key to power on the system.
- ⏩ Password — Enter from 1 to 5 characters to set the Keyboard Power On Password.

☞ **KB Power ON Password**

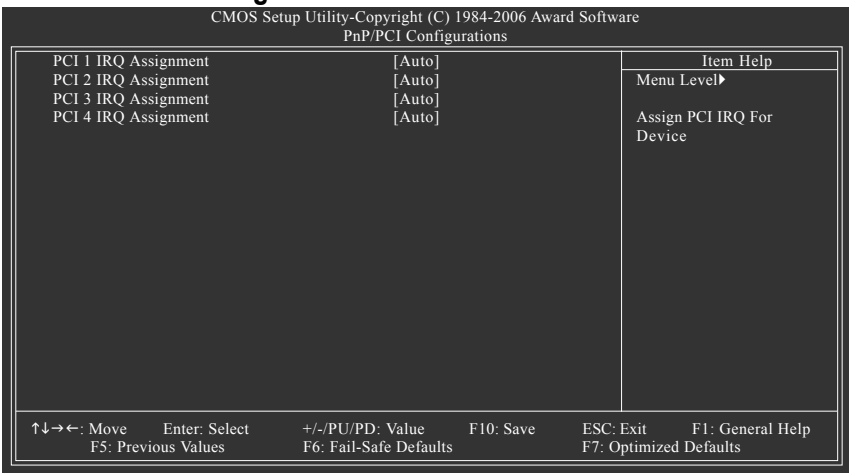
When "Power On by Keyboard" is set to Password, you can set the password here.

- ⏩ Enter — Input password (from 1 to 5 characters) and press Enter to set the Keyboard Power On password.

☞ **AC BACK Function**

- ⏩ Soft-Off — When AC-power back to the system, the system will be in "Off" state. (Default value)
- ⏩ Full-On — When AC-power back to the system, the system always in "On" state.

2-5 PnP/PCI Configurations



☞ **PCI 1 IRQ Assignment**

- ⏩ Auto — Auto assign IRQ to PCI 1. (Default value)
- ⏩ 3,4,5,7,9,10,11,12,14,15 — Set IRQ 3,4,5,7,9,10,11,12,14,15 to PCI 1.

☞ **PCI 2 IRQ Assignment**

- ⏩ Auto — Auto assign IRQ to PCI 2. (Default value)
- ⏩ 3,4,5,7,9,10,11,12,14,15 — Set IRQ 3,4,5,7,9,10,11,12,14,15 to PCI 2.

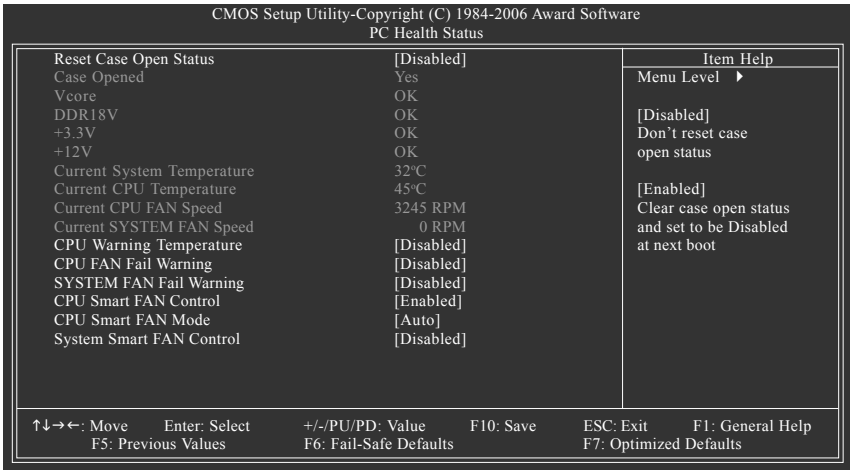
☞ **PCI 3 IRQ Assignment**

- ⏩ Auto — Auto assign IRQ to PCI 3. (Default value)
- ⏩ 3,4,5,7,9,10,11,12,14,15 — Set IRQ 3,4,5,7,9,10,11,12,14,15 to PCI 3.

☞ **PCI 4 IRQ Assignment**

- ⏩ Auto — Auto assign IRQ to PCI 4. (Default value)
- ⏩ 3,4,5,7,9,10,11,12,14,15 — Set IRQ 3,4,5,7,9,10,11,12,14,15 to PCI 4.

2-6 PC Health Status



☞ **Reset Case Open Status**

- ⏩ Disabled — Don't reset case open status. (Default value)
- ⏩ Enabled — Clear case open status at next boot.

☞ **Case Opened**

If the case is closed, **Case Opened** will show "No."

If the case is opened, **Case Opened** will show "Yes."

If you want to reset **Case Opened** value, enable **Reset Case Open Status** and save the change to CMOS, and then your computer will restart.

☞ **Current Voltage(V) Vcore / DDR18V / +3.3V / +12V**

- ⏩ Detect system's voltage status automatically.

☞ **Current System/CPU Temperature**

- ⏩ Detect system/CPU temperature automatically.

☞ **Current CPU/SYSTEM FAN Speed (RPM)**

- ⏩ Detect CPU/system fan speed status automatically.

☞ **CPU Warning Temperature**

- ⏩ 60°C / 140°F — Monitor CPU temperature at 60°C / 140°F.
- ⏩ 70°C / 158°F — Monitor CPU temperature at 70°C / 158°F.
- ⏩ 80°C / 176°F — Monitor CPU temperature at 80°C / 176°F.
- ⏩ 90°C / 194°F — Monitor CPU temperature at 90°C / 194°F.
- ⏩ Disabled — Disable this function. (Default value)

☞ **CPU/SYSTEM FAN Fail Warning**

- ⏩ Disabled — Disable CPU/system fan fail warning function. (Default value)
- ⏩ Enabled — Enable CPU/system fan fail warning function.

☞ **CPU Smart FAN Control**(Note)

- ⏩ Disabled — Disable this function.
- ⏩ Enabled — When this function is enabled, CPU fan will run at different speed depending on CPU temperature. Users can adjust the fan speed with Easy Tune based on their requirements. (Default value)

(Note) Whether the CPU Smart FAN Control function is supported will depend on the CPU you install.

☞ **CPU Smart FAN Mode**

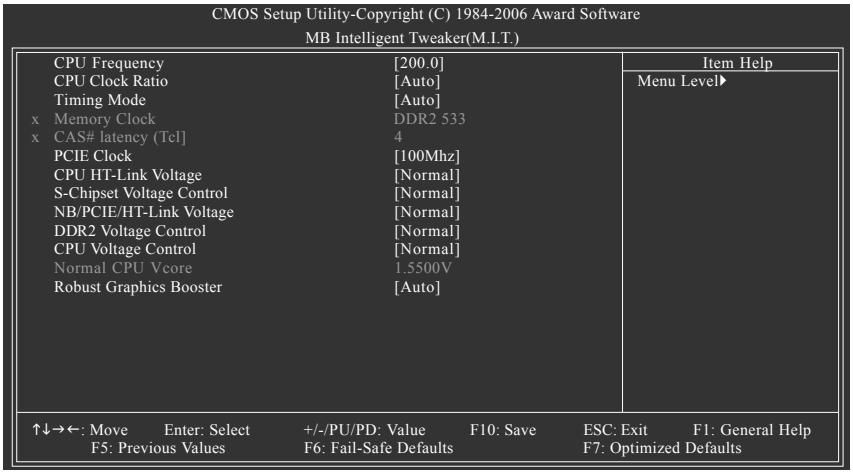
This option is available only when CPU Smart FAN Control is enabled.

- ⏩ Auto — BIOS autodetects the type of CPU fan you installed and sets the optimal CPU Smart FAN control mode for it. (Default Value)
- ⏩ Voltage — Set to Voltage when you use a CPU fan with a 3-pin fan power cable.
- ⏩ PWM — Set to PWM when you use a CPU fan with a 4-pin fan power cable.

☞ **System Smart FAN Control**

- ⏩ Disabled — Disable this function. (Default value)
- ⏩ Enabled — When this function is enabled, system fan will run at different speed depending on system temperature. Users can adjust the fan speed with Easy Tune based on their requirements.

2-7 MB Intelligent Tweaker(M.I.T.)



CAUTION

Incorrect using these features may cause your system broken. For power end-user use only.

☞ **CPU Frequency**

- ⏩ 200.0~300.0MHz — Set CPU Frequency from 200MHz to 300MHz.

☞ **CPU Clock Ratio**

This setup option will automatically assign by CPU detection. The option will display "Locked" and read only or will not show up if the CPU ratio is not changeable.

☞ **Timing Mode**

- ⏩ Auto — Set Timing Mode automatically. (Default value)
- ⏩ Manual — Set Timing Mode manually.

☞ **Memory Clock**

Set the memory clock for your platform.

- ⏩ DDR2 400 — Set memory clock to DDR2 400.
- ⏩ DDR2 533 — Set memory clock to DDR2 533.
- ⏩ DDR2 667 — Set memory clock to DDR2 667.
- ⏩ DDR2 800 — Set memory clock to DDR2 800.

☞ **CAS# latency (Tcl)**

- ⏩ 3/4/5/6 — Set CAS Latency to 3/4/5/6 (Default value:4)

☞ **PCIE Clock**

- ⏩ 100~145MHz — Set PCIE Clock from 100MHz to 145MHz.

☞ **CPU HT-Link Voltage**

Set the voltage settings for the HT-Link between CPU and Northbridge.

- ⏩ Normal — Set CPU HT-Link voltage to Normal. (Default value)
- ⏩ +0.1V — Set CPU HT-Link voltage to +0.1V.
- ⏩ +0.2V — Set CPU HT-Link voltage to +0.2V.

☞ **S-Chipset Voltage Control**

Set the voltage settings for Southbridge.

- ⏩ Normal — Set Southbridge voltage to Normal. (Default value)
- ⏩ +2%~16% — Set Southbridge voltage to +2%~+16%.

☞ **NB/PCIE/HT-Link Voltage**

Set the voltage settings for Northbridge, its PCI Express bus voltage, and the HT-Link between Northbridge and Sourthbridge.

- ⏩ Normal — Set NB/PCIE/HT-Link Voltage to Normal. (Default value)
- ⏩ +2%~16% — Set NB/PCIE/HT-Link Voltage to +2%~+16%.

☞ **DDR2 Voltage Control**

Please note that by overclocking your system through the increase of the DDR2 voltage, damage to the memory may occur.

- ⏩ Supports adjustable DDR2 Voltage from 1.850V to 2.450V. (Default value: Normal)

☞ **CPU Voltage Control**

Please note that by overclocking your system through the increase of the CPU voltage, damage to the CPU or decrease in the CPU life expectancy may occur.

- ⏩ Supports adjustable CPU Voltage from 0.8000V to 1.5500V. (Default value: Normal)

☞ **Normal CPU Vcore**

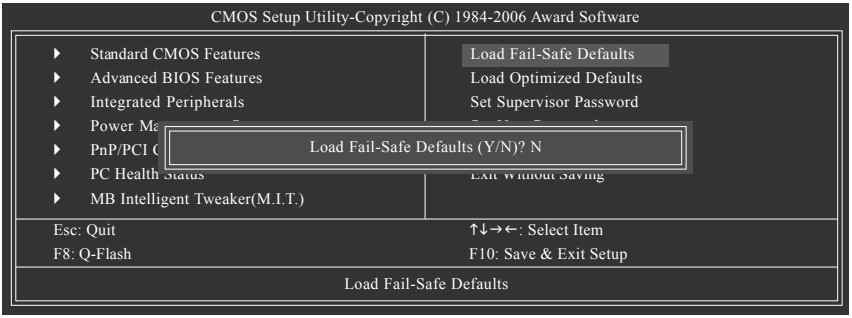
Display your CPU Vcore Voltage.

☞ **Robust Graphics Booster**

Select the options can enhance the VGA graphics card bandwidth to get higher performance.

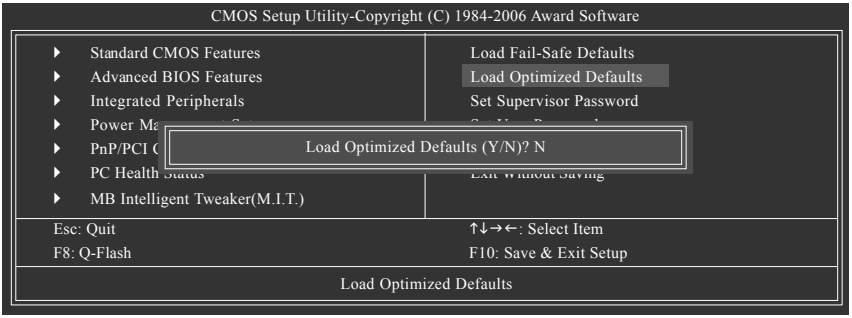
- ⏩ Auto — Set Robust Graphics Booster to Auto. (Default value)
- ⏩ Fast — Set Robust Graphics Booster to Fast.
- ⏩ Turbo — Set Robust Graphics Booster to Turbo.

2-8 Load Fail-Safe Defaults



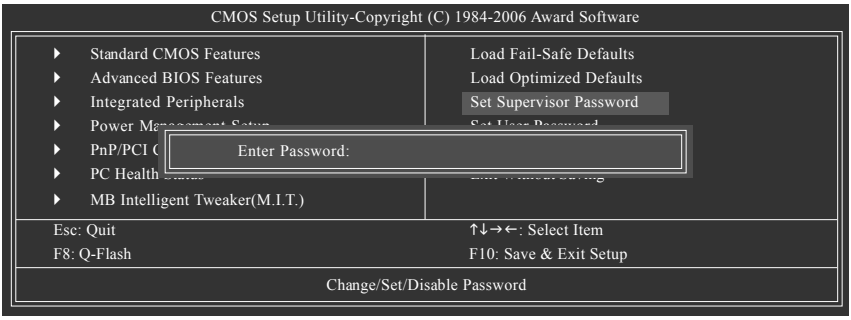
Fail-Safe defaults contain the most appropriate values of the system parameters that allow minimum system performance.

2-9 Load Optimized Defaults



Selecting this field loads the factory defaults for BIOS and Chipset Features which the system automatically detects.

2-10 Set Supervisor/User Password



When you select this function, the following message will appear at the center of the screen to assist you in creating a password.

Type the password, up to eight characters, and press <Enter>. You will be asked to confirm the password. Type the password again and press <Enter>. You may also press <Esc> to abort the selection and not enter a password.

To disable password, just press <Enter> when you are prompted to enter password. A message "PASSWORD DISABLED" will appear to confirm the password being disabled. Once the password is disabled, the system will boot and you can enter Setup freely.

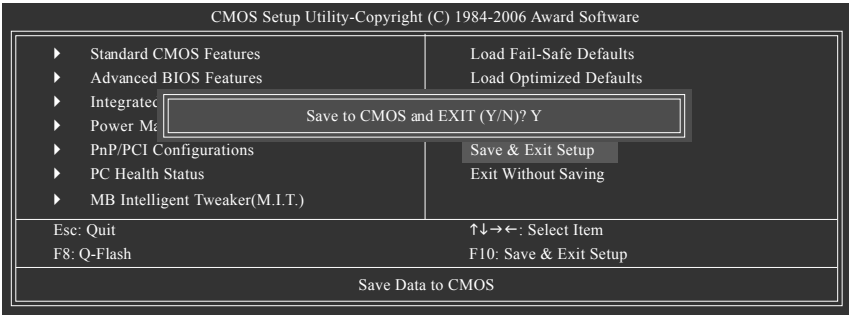
The BIOS Setup program allows you to specify two separate passwords:

SUPERVISOR PASSWORD and a USER PASSWORD. When disabled, anyone may access all BIOS Setup program function. When enabled, the Supervisor password is required for entering the BIOS Setup program and having full configuration fields, the User password is required to access only basic items.

If you select "System" at "Password Check" in Advance BIOS Features Menu, you will be prompted for the password every time the system is rebooted or any time you try to enter Setup Menu.

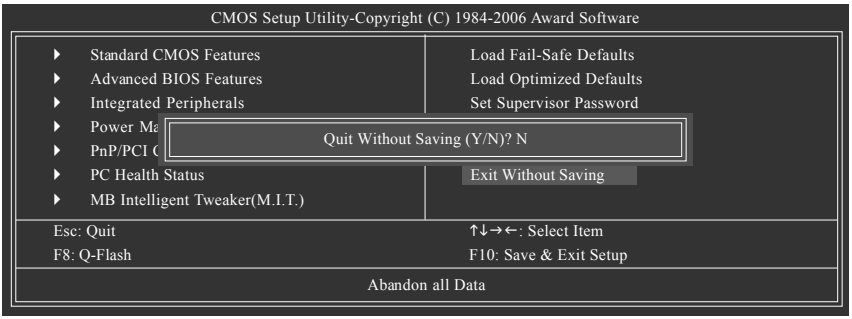
If you select "Setup" at "Password Check" in Advance BIOS Features Menu, you will be prompted only when you try to enter Setup.

2-11 Save & Exit Setup



Type "Y" will quit the Setup Utility and save the user setup value to RTC CMOS.
Type "N" will return to Setup Utility.

2-12 Exit Without Saving



Type "Y" will quit the Setup Utility without saving to RTC CMOS.
Type "N" will return to Setup Utility.

Chapter 3 Drivers Installation

NOTE

Pictures below are shown in Windows XP.
Insert the driver CD-title that came with your motherboard into your CD-ROM drive, the driver CD-title will auto start and show the installation guide. If not, please double click the CD-ROM device icon in "My computer", and execute the Run.exe.

3-1 Install Chipset Drivers

"Xpress Install " is now analyzing your computer...99%

After insert the driver CD, "Xpress Install" will scan automatically the system and then list all the drivers that recommended to install. Please pick the item that you want and press "install" followed the item; or you can press "Xpress Install" to install all items defaulted.



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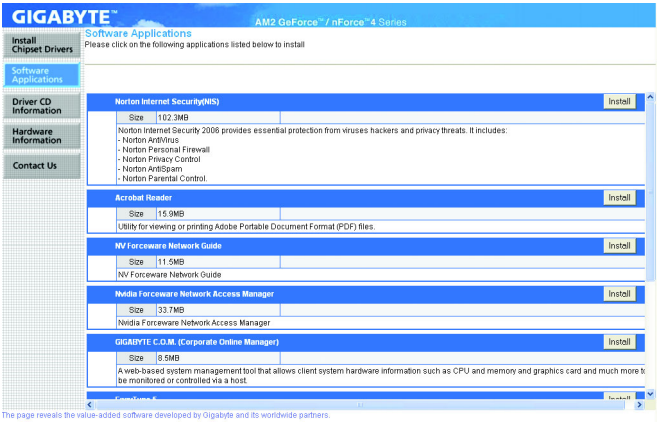
Some device drivers will restart your system automatically. After restarting your system the "Xpress Install" will continue to install other drivers. System will reboot automatically after install the drivers, afterward you can install others application.

CAUTION

For USB2.0 driver support under Windows XP operating system, please use Windows Service Pack. After install Windows Service Pack, it will show a question mark "?" in "Universal Serial Bus controller" under "Device Manager". Please remove the question mark and restart the system (System will auto-detect the right USB2.0 driver).

3-2 Software Applications

This page displays all the tools that Gigabyte developed and some free software, you can choose anyone you want and press "install" to install them.



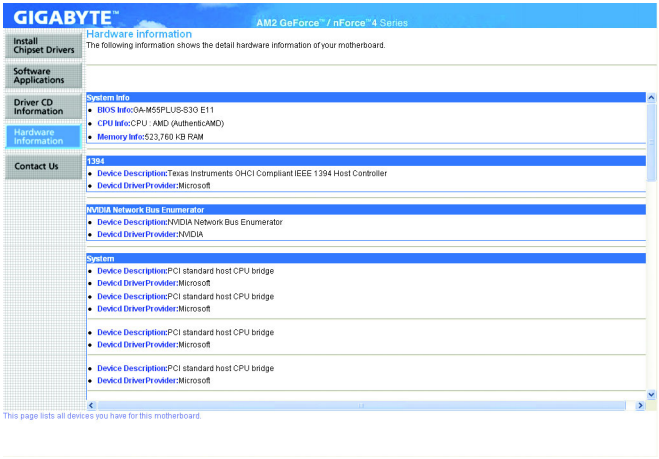
3-3 Driver CD Information

This page lists the contents of software and drivers in this CD-title.



3-4 Hardware Information

This page lists all device you have for this motherboard.



3-5 Contact Us

Please see the last page for details.



Chapter 4 Appendix

4-1 Unique Software Utilities

(Not all model support these Unique Software Utilities, please check your MB features.)

4-1-1 EasyTune 5 Introduction

EasyTune 5 presents the most convenient Windows based system performance enhancement and manageability utility. Featuring several powerful yet easy to use tools such as 1) Overclocking for enhancing system performance, 2) C.I.A. and M.I.B. for special enhancement for CPU and Memory, 3) Smart-Fan control for managing fan speed control of both CPU cooling fan and North-Bridge Chipset cooling fan, 4) PC health for monitoring system status.(Note)

User Interface Overview



	Button / Display	Description
1.	Overclocking	Enters the Overclocking setting page
2.	C.I.A./C.I.A.2 and M.I.B.	Enters the C.I.A./2 and M.I.B. setting page
3.	Smart-Fan	Enters the Smart-Fan setting page
4.	PC Health	Enters the PC Health setting page
5.	GO	Confirmation and Execution button
6.	"Easy Mode" & "Advance Mode"	Toggles between Easy and Advance Mode
7.	Display screen	Display panel of CPU frequency
8.	Function display LEDs	Shows the current functions status
9.	GIGABYTE Logo	Log on to GIGABYTE website
10.	Help button	Display EasyTune™ 5 Help file
11.	Exit or Minimize button	Quit or Minimize EasyTune™ 5 software

(Note) EasyTune 5 functions may vary depending on different motherboards.

4-1-2 Xpress Recovery2 Introduction

Xpress Recovery2 is designed to provide quick backup and restoration of hard disk data. Supporting Microsoft operating systems including Windows XP/2000/NT/98/Me and DOS, and file systems including FAT16, FAT32, and NTFS, Xpress Recovery2 is able to back up data on hard disks on PATA and SATA IDE controllers. After Xpress Recovery2 is executed from CD-ROM for the first time, it will stay permanent in your hard disk. If you wish to run Xpress Recovery2 later, you can simply press F9 during system bootup to enter Xpress Recovery2 without the CD-ROM.

System requirements:

1. Intel x86 platforms
2. At least 64M bytes of system memory
3. VESA-supported VGA cards

How to use the Xpress Recovery2

Initial access by booting from CD-ROM and subsequent access by pressing the F9 key:

Steps: After entering BIOS Setup, go to **Advanced BIOS Feature** and set to boot from CD-ROM. Save the settings and exit the BIOS Setup. Insert the provided driver CD into your CD-ROM drive. Upon system restart, the message which says "Boot from CD/DVD:" will appear in the bottom left corner of the screen. Press any key to enter Xpress Recovery2.

After the steps above are completed, subsequent access to Xpress Recovery2 can be made by simply pressing the <F9> key during system power-on.



NOTE

1. If you have already entered Xpress Recovery2 by booting from the CD-ROM, you can enter Xpress Recovery2 by pressing the <F9> key in the future.
2. System storage capacity and the reading/writing speed of the hard disk will affect the data backup speed.
3. It is recommended that Xpress Recovery2 be immediately installed once you complete installations of OS and all required drivers as well as software.

The Main Screen of Xpress Recovery2



1. RESTORE:

Restore the backed-up data to your hard disk. (This button will not appear if there is no backup file.)

2. BACKUP:

Back up data from hard disk.

3. REMOVE:

Remove previously-created backup files to release disk space.
(This button will not appear if there is no backup file.)

4. REBOOT:

Exit the main screen and restart the system.

Limitations:

1. Not compatible to Xpress Recovery.
2. For the use of Xpress Recovery2, a primary partition must be reserved.
3. Xpress Recovery2 will store the backup file at the end of the hard disk, so free space available on the hard disk for the backup file must be allocated in advance. (A minimum 4GB is recommended but the actual space is dependent on the size of the data to be backed up)
4. Capable of backing up hard disks installed with Windows operating systems including DOS and Windows XP/2000/NT/9x/Me.
5. USB hard disks are currently not supported.
6. Does not support RAID/AHCI (class code 0104/0106) hard disks.
7. Capable of backing up and restoring only the first physical hard disk.

Hard disks detection sequence is as follows:

a. PATA IDE primary channel
b. PATA IDE secondary channel
c. SATA IDE channel 1
d. SATA IDE channel 2
e. SATA IDE channel 3
f. SATA IDE channel 4

Precautions:

1. When using hard disks with more than 128G under Windows 2000, be sure to execute the EnableBigLba.*exe* program from the driver CD before data backup.
2. It is normal that data backup takes longer time than data restoration.
3. Xpress Recovery2 is compliant with the GPL regulations.
4. On a few motherboards based on Nvidia chipsets, BIOS update is required for Xpress Recovery2 to correctly identify RAID and SATA IDE mode. Please contact your motherboard manufacturer.

4-1-3 Flash BIOS Method Introduction

Method 1 : Q-Flash™ Utility

Q-Flash™ is a BIOS flash utility embedded in Flash ROM. With this utility, users only have to stay in the BIOS menu when they want to update BIOS. Q-Flash™ allows users to flash BIOS without any utility in DOS or Windows. Using Q-Flash™ indicates no more fooling around with any complicated instructions and operating system since it is in the BIOS menu.

CAUTION

Please note that because updating BIOS has potential risk, please do it with caution!! We are sorry that Gigabyte Technology Co., Ltd is not responsible for damages of system because of incorrect manipulation of updating BIOS to avoid any claims from end-users.

Before You Begin:

Before you start updating BIOS with the Q-Flash™ utility, please follow the steps below first.

1. Download the latest BIOS for your motherboard from Gigabyte's website.
2. Extract the BIOS file downloaded and save the BIOS file (the one with model name.Fxx. For example, 8KNXPU.Fba) to a floppy disk.
3. Reboot your PC and press **Del** to enter BIOS menu.

The BIOS upgrading guides below are separated into two parts.
If your motherboard has dual-BIOS, please refer to **Part One**.
If your motherboard has single-BIOS, please refer to **Part Two**.

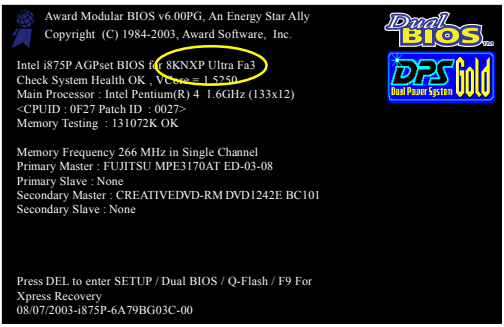
Part One:

Updating BIOS with Q-Flash™ Utility on Dual BIOS Motherboards.

Some of Gigabyte motherboards are equipped with dual BIOS. In the BIOS menu of the motherboards supporting Q-Flash and Dual BIOS, the Q-Flash utility and Dual BIOS utility are combined in the same screen. This section only deals with how to use Q-Flash utility.

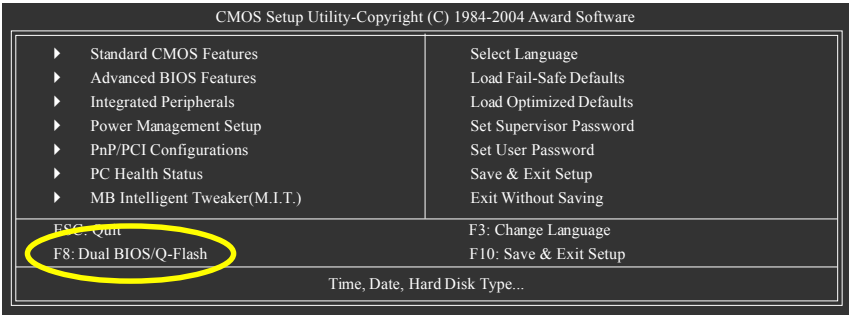
In the following sections, we take GA-8KNXP Ultra as the example to guide you how to flash BIOS from an older version to the latest version. For example, from Fa3 to Fba.

The BIOS file is Fa3 before updating



Entering the Q-Flash™ utility:

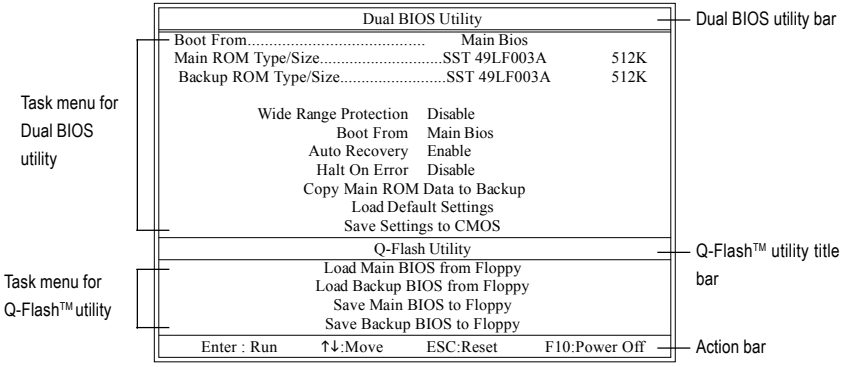
Step1: To use Q-Flash utility, you must press **Del** in the boot screen to enter BIOS menu.



Step 2: Press **F8** button on your keyboard and then **Y** button to enter the Dual BIOS/Q-Flash utility.

Exploring the Q-Flash™ / Dual BIOS utility screen

The Q-Flash / Dual BIOS utility screen consists of the following key components.



Task menu for Dual BIOS utility:

Contains the names of eight tasks and two item showing information about the BIOS ROM type. Blocking a task and pressing Enter key on your keyboard to enable execution of the task.

Task menu for Q-Flash utility:

Contains the names of four tasks. Blocking a task and pressing Enter key on your keyboard to enable execution of the task.

Action bar:

Contains the names of four actions needed to operate the Q-Flash/Dual BIOS utility. Pressing the buttons mentioned on your keyboards to perform these actions.

Using the Q-Flash™ utility:

This section tells you how to update BIOS using the Q-Flash utility. As described in the "Before you begin" section above, you must prepare a floppy disk having the BIOS file for your motherboard and insert it to your computer. If you have already put the floppy disk into your system and have entered the Q-Flash utility, please follow the steps below to flash BIOS.

Steps:

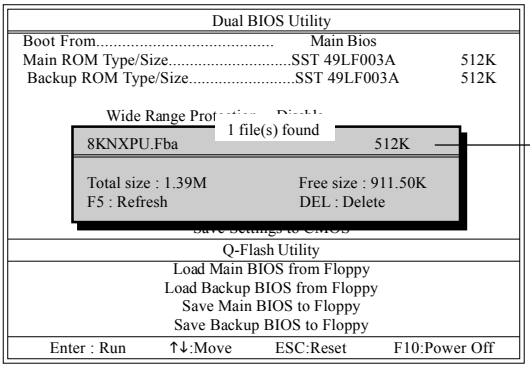
1. Press arrow buttons on your keyboard to move the light bar to "Load Main BIOS from Floppy" item in the Q-Flash menu and press Enter button.
   Later, you will see a box pop up showing the BIOS files you previously downloaded to the floppy disk.

NOTE If you want to save the current BIOS for backup purpose, you can begin Step 1 with "Save Main BIOS to Floppy" item.

2. Move to the BIOS file you want to flash and press **Enter**.

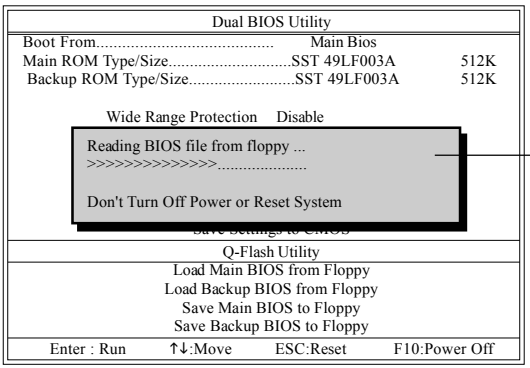
In this example, we only download one BIOS file to the floppy disk so only one BIOS file, 8KNXPU.Fba, is listed.

CAUTION Please confirm again you have the correct BIOS file for your motherboard.



BIOS file in the floppy disk.

After pressing **Enter**, you'll then see the progress of reading the BIOS file from the floppy disk.



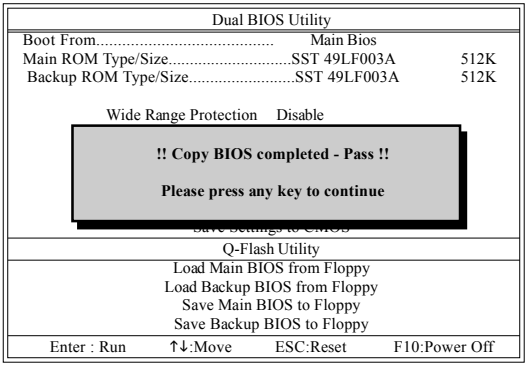
CAUTION Do not turn off power or reset your system at this stage!!

After BIOS file is read, you'll see a confirmation dialog box asking you "Are you sure to update BIOS?"

3. Press Y button on your keyboard after you are sure to update BIOS.
   Then it will begin to update BIOS. The progress of updating BIOS will be displayed.

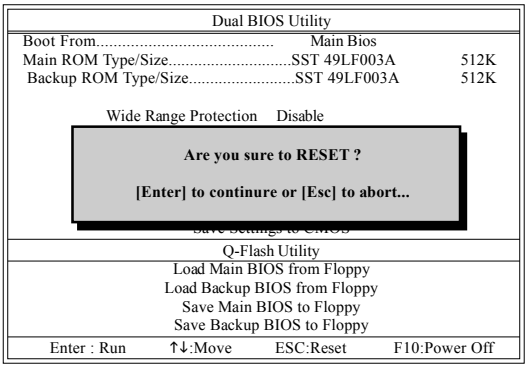
CAUTION Please do not take out the floppy disk when it begins flashing BIOS.

4. Press any keys to return to the Q-Flash menu when the BIOS updating procedure is completed.



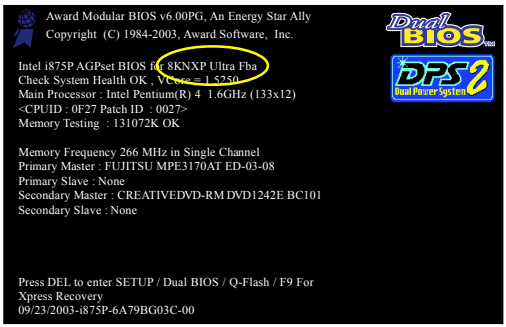
NOTE You can repeat Step 1 to 4 to flash the backup BIOS, too.

5. Press Esc and then Y button to exit the Q-Flash utility. The computer will restart automatically after you exit Q-Flash.

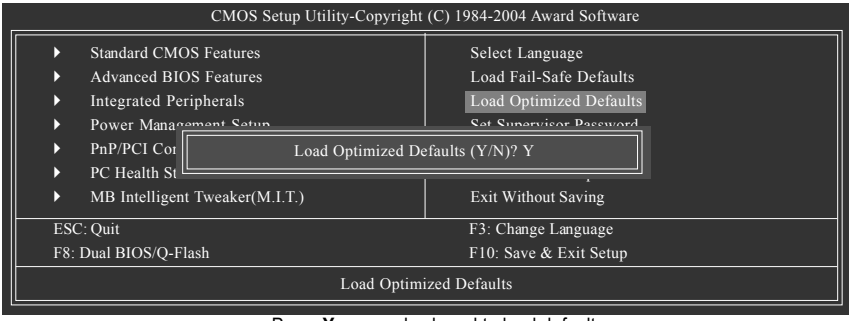


After system reboots, you may find the BIOS version on your boot screen becomes the one you flashed.

The BIOS file becomes Fab after updating.

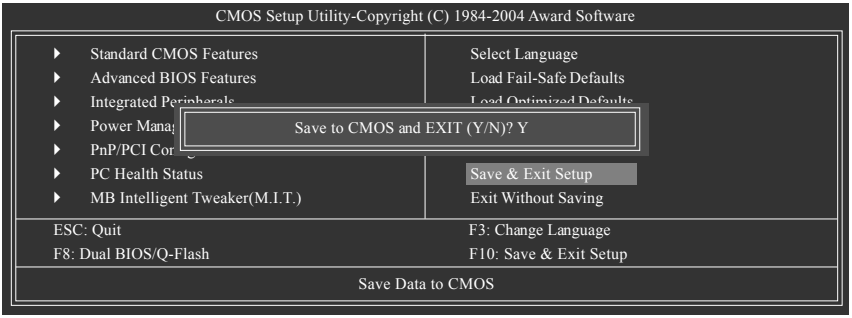


6. Press **Del** to enter BIOS menu after system reboots. When you are in BIOS menu, move to **Load Optimized Defaults** item and press **Enter** to load BIOS Optimized Defaults. Normally the system redetects all devices after BIOS has been upgraded. Therefore, we highly recommend reloading the BIOS defaults after BIOS has been upgraded.



Press **Y** on your keyboard to load defaults.

7. Select **Save & Exit Setup** item to save the settings to CMOS and exit the BIOS menu. System will reboot after you exit the BIOS menu. The procedure is completed.

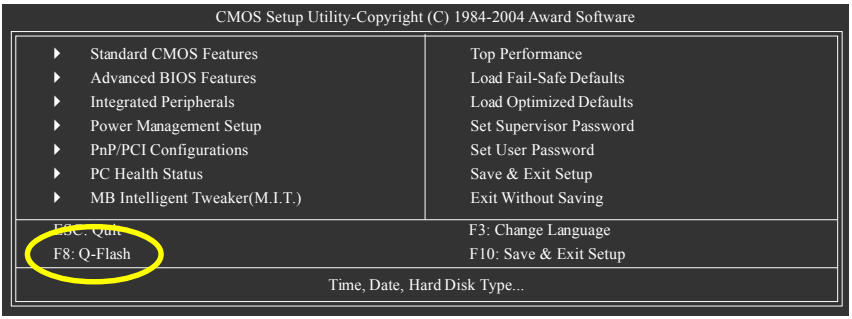


Press **Y** on your keyboard to save and exit.

Part Two:

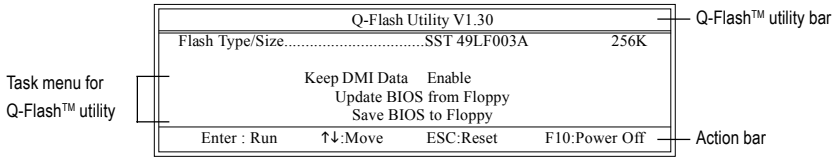
Updating BIOS with Q-Flash™ Utility on Single-BIOS Motherboards.

This part guides users of single-BIOS motherboards how to update BIOS using the Q-Flash™ utility.



Exploring the Q-Flash™ utility screen

The Q-FlashBIOS utility screen consists of the following key components.



Task menu for Q-Flash utility:

Contains the names of three tasks. Blocking a task and pressing Enter key on your keyboard to enable execution of the task.

Action bar:

Contains the names of four actions needed to operate the Q-Flash utility. Pressing the buttons mentioned on your keyboards to perform these actions.

Using the Q-Flash™ utility:

This section tells you how to update BIOS using the Q-Flash utility. As described in the "Before you begin" section above, you must prepare a floppy disk having the BIOS file for your motherboard and insert it to your computer. If you have already put the floppy disk into your system and have entered the Q-Flash utility, please follow the steps below to flash BIOS.

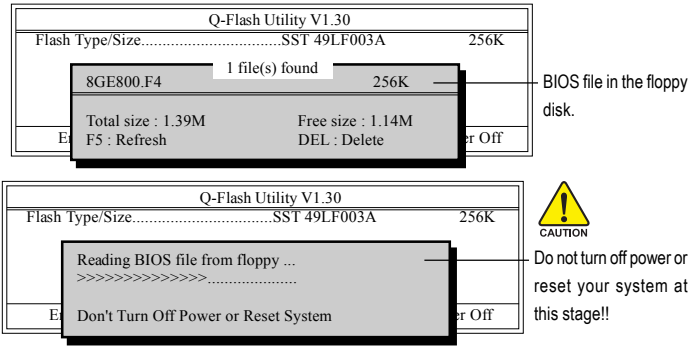
Steps:

1. Press arrow buttons on your keyboard to move the light bar to "Update BIOS from Floppy" item in the Q-Flash menu and press Enter button.
   Later, you will see a box pop up showing the BIOS files you previously downloaded to the floppy disk.

   NOTE If you want to save the current BIOS for backup purpose, you can begin Step 1 with "Save BIOS to Floppy" item.

2. Move to the BIOS file you want to flash and press Enter.
   In this example, we only download one BIOS file to the floppy disk so only one BIOS file, 8GE800.F4, is listed.

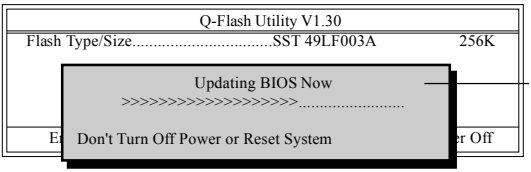
CAUTION Please confirm again you have the correct BIOS file for your motherboard.



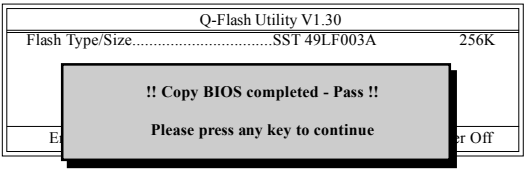
After BIOS file is read, you'll see a confirmation dialog box asking you "Are you sure to update BIOS?"

CAUTION Please do not take out the floppy disk when it begins flashing BIOS.

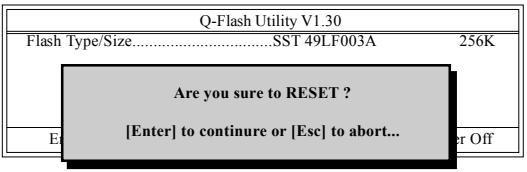
3. Press Y button on your keyboard after you are sure to update BIOS.
   Then it will begin to update BIOS. The progress of updating BIOS will be shown at the same time.



4. Press any keys to return to the Q-Flash menu when the BIOS updating procedure is completed.

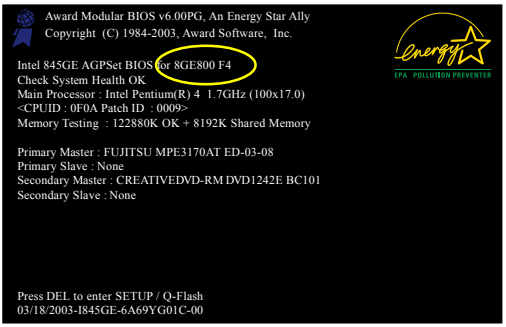


5. Press Esc and then Y button to exit the Q-Flash utility. The computer will restart automatically after you exit Q-Flash.



After system reboots, you may find the BIOS version on your boot screen becomes the one you flashed.

The BIOS file becomes F4 after updating



6. Press Del to enter BIOS menu after system reboots and "Load BIOS Optimized Defaults". See how to Load BIOS Optimized Defaults, please kindly refer to Step 6 to 7 in **Part One**.

Congratulation!! You have updated BIOS successfully!!

Method 2 : @BIOS™ Utility

If you do not have a DOS startup disk, we recommend that you use the new @BIOS utility. @BIOS allows users to update their BIOS under Windows. Just select the desired @BIOS server to download the latest version of BIOS.

Fig 1. Installing the @BIOS utility

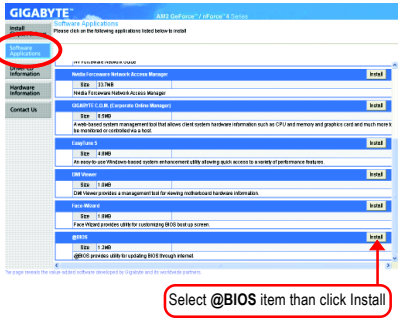


Fig 2. Installation Complete and Run @BIOS

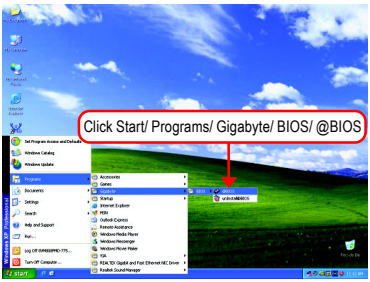


Fig 3. The @BIOS Utility

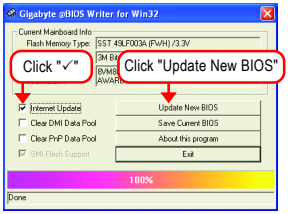
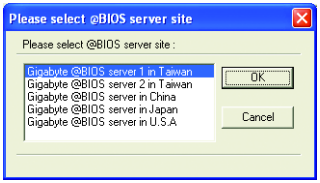


Fig 4. Select the desired @BIOS server



1. Methods and steps:

I. Update BIOS through Internet

a. Click "Internet Update" icon
b. Click "Update New BIOS" icon
c. Select @BIOS™ sever
d. Select the exact model name on your motherboard
e. System will automatically download and update the BIOS.

II. Update BIOS NOT through Internet:

a. Do not click "Internet Update" icon
b. Click "Update New BIOS"
c. Please select "All Files" in dialog box while opening the old file.
d. Please search for BIOS unzip file, downloading from internet or any other methods (such as: M55plus-S3G.F1).
e. Complete update process following the instruction.

III. Save BIOS

In the very beginning, there is "Save Current BIOS" icon shown in dialog box. It means to save the current BIOS version.

IV. Check out supported motherboard and Flash ROM:

In the very beginning, there is "About this program" icon shown in dialog box. It can help you check out which kind of motherboard and which brand of Flash ROM are supported.

2. Note:

I. In method I, if it shows two or more motherboard's model names to be selected, please make sure your motherboard's model name again. Selecting wrong model name will cause the system unbooted.

II. In method II, be sure that motherboard's model name in BIOS unzip file are the same as your motherboard's. Otherwise, your system won't boot.

III. In method I, if the BIOS file you need cannot be found in @BIOS™ server, please go onto Gigabyte's web site for downloading and updating it according to method II.

IV. Please note that any interruption during updating will cause system unbooted.

V. Do not use @BIOS and C.O.M. (Corporate Online Management) at the same time.

4-1-4 Configuring SATA Hard Drive(s)

To configure SATA hard drive(s), follow the steps below:

(1) Install SATA hard drive(s) in your system.
(2) Configure SATA controller mode and boot sequence in BIOS Setup.
(3)* Configure RAID set in RAID BIOS.
(4) Make a floppy disk containing the SATA controller driver.
(5) Install the SATA controller driver during OS installation.

Before you begin

Please prepare:

(a) At least two SATA hard drives (to ensure optimal performance, it is recommended that you use two hard drives with identical model and capacity). If you do not want to create RAID, you may prepare only one hard drive.
(b) An empty formatted floppy disk.
(c) Windows XP/2000 setup disk.
(d) Driver CD for your motherboard.

(1) Installing SATA hard drive(s) in your computer

Attach one end of the SATA signal cable to the rear of the SATA hard drive and the other end to available SATA port(s) on the motherboard. Then connect the power connector from your power supply to the hard drive.

"*" Skip this step if you do not want to create RAID array on the SATA controller.

(2) Configuring SATA controller mode and boot sequence in BIOS Setup

You have to make sure whether the SATA controller is configured correctly in system BIOS Setup and set BIOS boot sequence for the SATA hard drive(s)/RAID array.

Step 1:

Turn on your computer and press Del to enter BIOS Setup during POST (Power-On Self Test). In BIOS Setup, go to **Integrated Periperals --> SATA-II Configuration** (Figure 1).

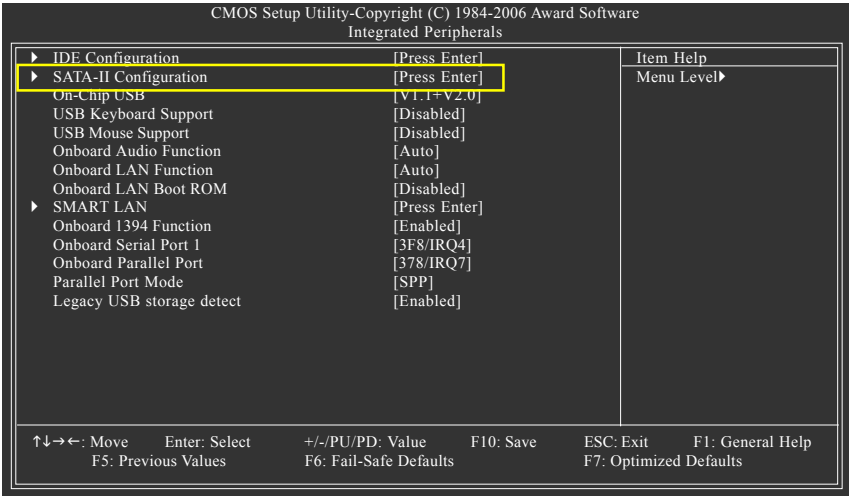


Figure 1

Ensure that **SATA-II RAID function** is enabled (Figure 2). Then enable the SATA controller/channel with hard disks that you want to use for RAID (**SATA-II 1 Controller** controls the SATAII0 and SATAII1 connectors; **SATA-II 2 Controller** controls the SATAII2 and SATAII3 connectors). For example, if you wish to create RAID with hard disks on the SATAII0 and SATAII1 connectors, ensure that **SATA-II 1 Controller** and **SATA-II 1 Primary/Secondary RAID** are enabled (Figure 2).

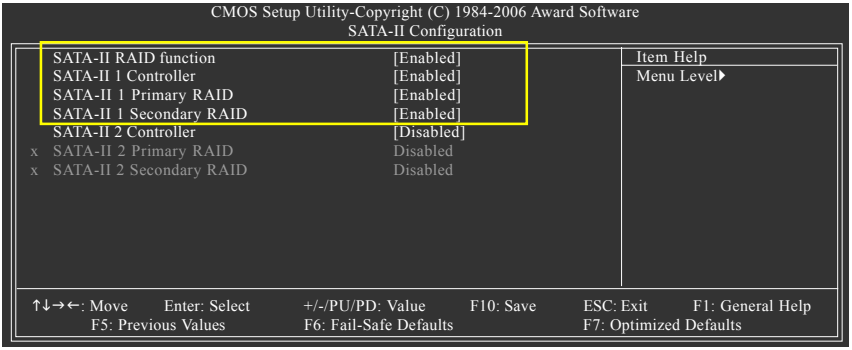


Figure 2

NOTE The BIOS Setup menus described in this section may not show the exact settings for your motherboard. The actual BIOS Setup menu options you will see shall depend on the motherboard you have and the BIOS version.

Step 2:

If you do not create RAID, select **Hard Disk Boot Priority** under the **Advanced BIOS Features** menu. In the **Hard Disk Boot Priority** submenu, select the model of the SATA hard drive onto which you wish to install Microsoft Windows 2000/XP. You should see a screen similar to Figure 3 below.

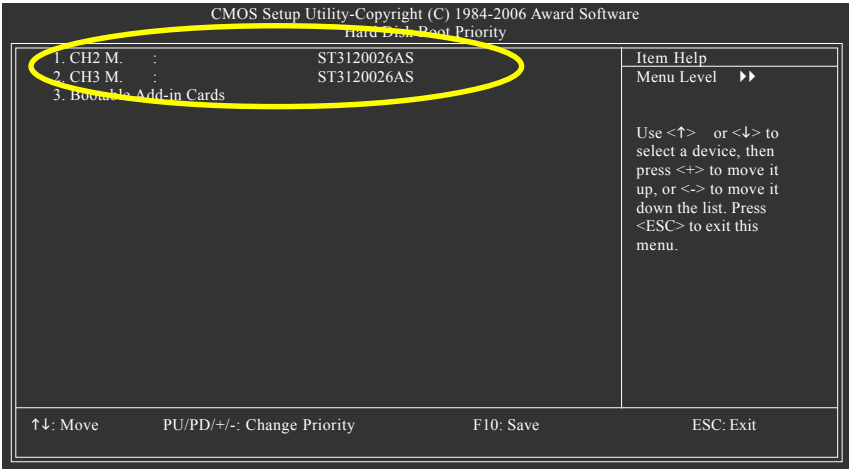


Figure 3

After configuring the SATA controller mode in system BIOS, if you wish to create RAID, save the settings and exit. Then go to RAID BIOS (refer to the RAID Setup section) to configure the RAID array. After finished, re-enter the system BIOS Setup to set hard disk boot priority before OS installation. Select **Hard Disk Boot Priority** under the **Advanced BIOS Features** menu. In the **Hard Disk Boot Priority** submenu, select the RAID array onto which you wish to install Microsoft Windows 2000/XP (Figure 4).

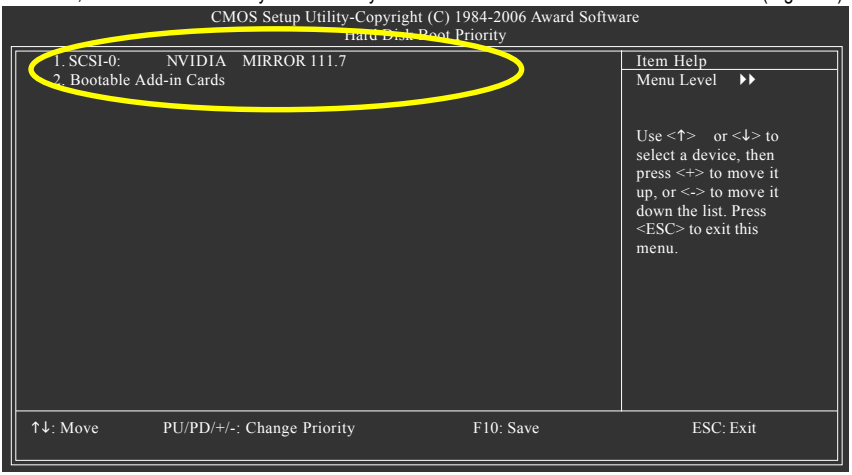


Figure 4

Step 3:

To boot from Windows installation CD-ROM, set **First Boot Device** under the **Advanced BIOS Features** menu to **CDROM** (Figure 5).

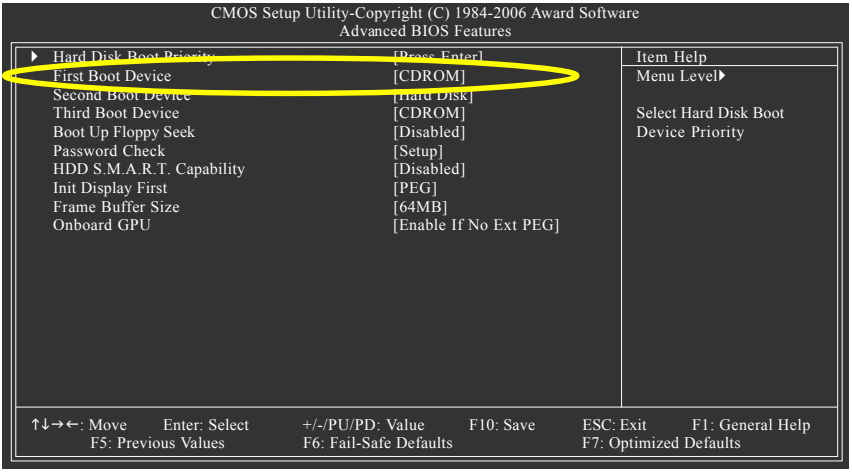


Figure 5

Step 4:

Save and exit BIOS Setup.

(3) Configuring RAID set in RAID BIOS

Enter the RAID BIOS setup utility to configure a RAID array. Skip this step and proceed to Section 4 if you do not want to create RAID.

Step 1:

After the POST memory test begins and before the operating system boot begins, look for a message which says "Press F10 to enter RAID setup utility" (Figure 6). Hit the **F10** key to enter the RAID BIOS setup utility.



Figure 6

Step 2:

The Define a New Array screen is the first option screen when you enter the NVIDIA RAID setup utility. (Figure 7). You can press the TAB key to highlight through options.

Step 3:

In the RAID Mode field, use the UP or DOWN ARROW key to select a RAID mode. The supported RAID modes include Mirroring, Striping, Stripe Mirroring, Spanning and Raid 5. The following is an example of RAID 0 array creation.

Step 4:

If RAID 0 (Striping) is selected, you can manually set the striping block size. In the Striping Block field, use the UP or DOWN ARROW key to set the Striping Block size. The *KB* is the standard unit of Striping Block size. We recommend you leaving it to the default setting--Optimal (64K). The size range is from 4K to 128K.

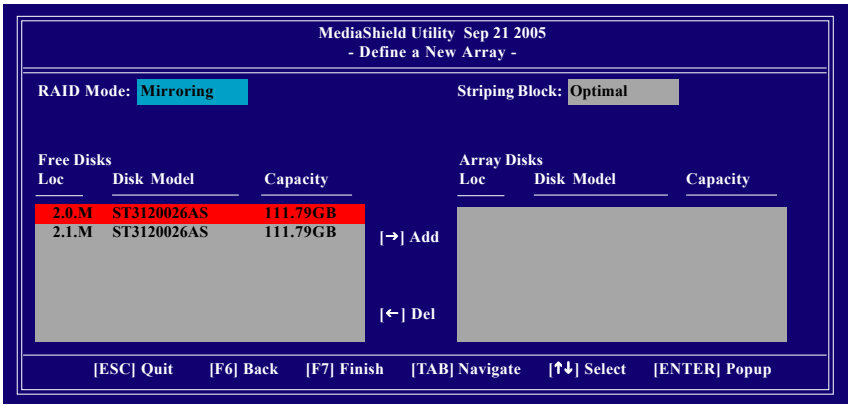


Figure 7

Step 5:

Next, select the hard drives which you wish to be included in the disk array. The Free Disks section displays the information about the currently installed SATA hard drives. Press the TAB key to move to the Free Disks section. Select the target hard drives using the UP or DOWN ARROW key and use the RIGHT ARROW key to add the hard drives to the Array Disks section (Figure 8).

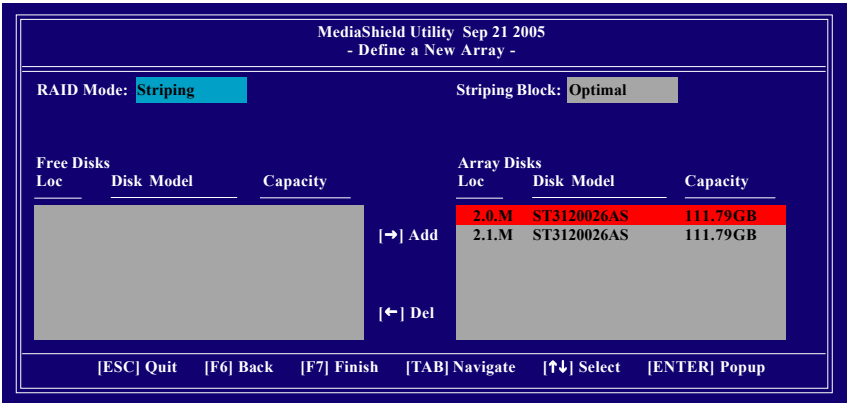


Figure 8

Step 6:

Press F7 after selecting the target hard disks. A message which says "Clear disk data?" will appear (Figure 9). If you are sure to clear the data in the selected hard drives, press Y. (If the hard drives contain previously created RAID array, you need to press Y to clear the data from the hard drives.)

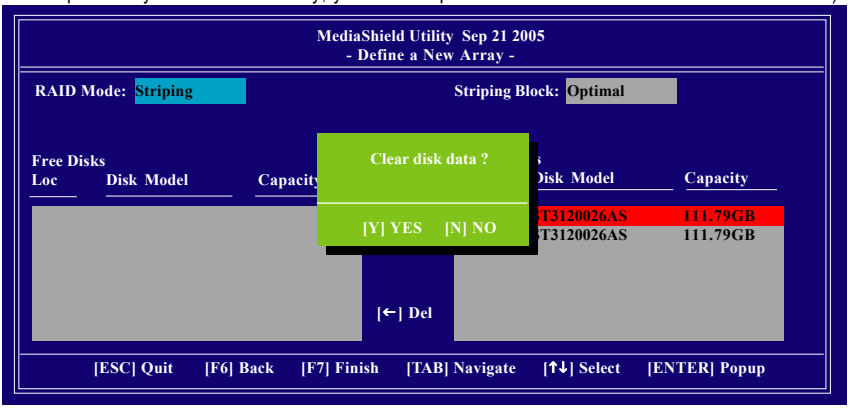


Figure 9

After that, the Array List screen displaying the RAID array you created will appear (Figure 10). If you want to set the disk array as boot device, use the UP or DOWN ARROW key to select the array and press B. The **Boot** section will show **Yes**.

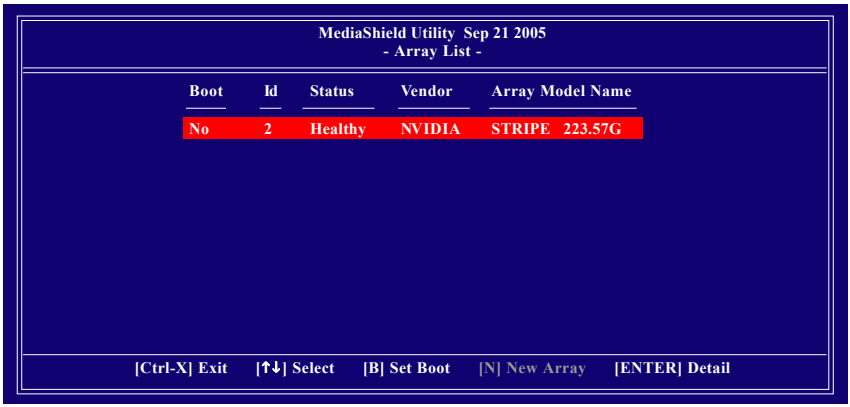


Figure 10

To read more information about the RAID array, press ENTER to enter the Array Detail screen (Figure 11), where you should see detailed information about RAID mode, disk block size, disk model name, and disk capacity, etc.

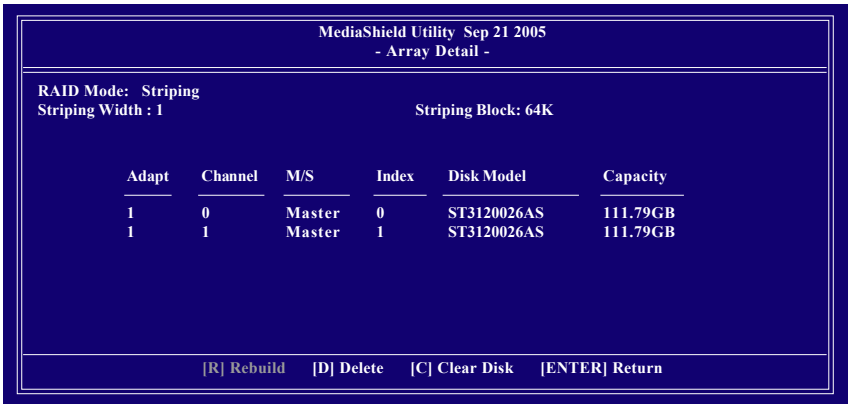


Figure 11

To delete the array, press D in the Array Detail screen. When the "Delete this array?" message appears, press Y to confirm or N to cancel. Press ENTER to return to the Array List screen.

To exit the Nvidia RAID utility, press ESC in the main menu or Ctrl+X in the Array List screen.

Now, you can proceed to install the SATA controller driver and operating system.

(4) Making a SATA Driver Disk

To install operating system onto a serial ATA hard disk successfully, you need to install the SATA controller driver during OS installation. Without the driver, the hard disk may not be recognized during the Windows setup process. First of all, copy the driver for the SATA controller from the motherboard driver CD-ROM to a floppy disk. See the instructions below about how to copy the driver in MS-DOS mode(Note1). Prepare a startup disk that has CD-ROM support and a blank formatted floppy disk.

Step 1: Insert the prepared startup disk and motherboard driver CD-ROM in your system. Boot from the startup disk. Once at the A:\> prompt, change to the CD-ROM drive (example: D:\>). At the D:\> prompt, type the following two commands. Press ENTER after each command (Figure 12):

```
cd bootdrv
menu
```

Step 2: When the controller menu (Figure 13) appears, remove the startup disk and insert the blank formatted disk. Select the controller driver by pressing the corresponding letter from the menu.
For example, from the menu in Figure 13, press I to select **(I) nVIDIA C51 Series Raid (XP)** if you wish to install Windows XP (32-bit). Your system will then automatically zip and transfer this driver file to the floppy disk. Press 0 to exit when finished.

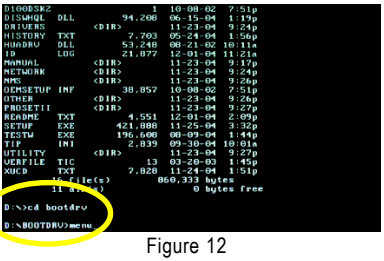


Figure 12

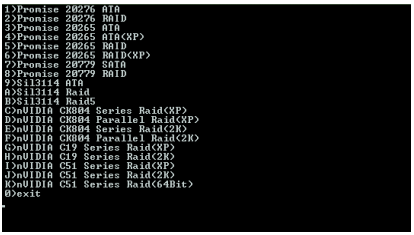


Figure 13

NOTE

(Note 1) For users without a startup disk:
Use an alternative system and insert the GIGABYTE motherboard driver CD-ROM. From the CD-ROM drive folder, double click the **MENU.exe** file in the **BootDrv** folder (Figure 14). A command prompt window will open similar to that in Figure 13.

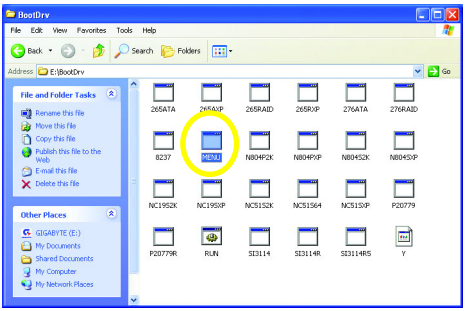


Figure 14

(5) Installing SATA controller driver during OS installation

Now that you have prepared the SATA driver disk and configured BIOS settings, you are ready to install Windows 2000/XP onto your SATA hard drive with the SATA driver. The following is an example of Windows XP installation.

Step 1: Restart your system to boot from the Windows 2000/XP Setup disk and press F6 as soon as you see the "Press F6 if you need to install a 3rd party SCSI or RAID driver" message (Figure 15). After pressing F6, there will be a few moments of some files being loaded before you see the next screen.

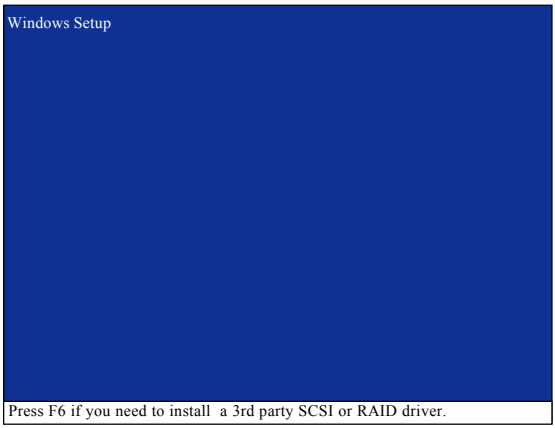


Figure 15

Step 2:

When a screen similar to that below appears, insert the floppy disk containing the SATA driver and press S (Figure 16).

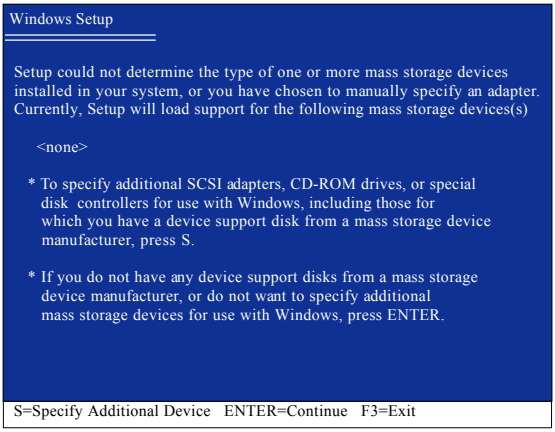


Figure 16

Step 3:

If Setup correctly recognizes the driver in the floppy disk, a controller menu similar to Figure 17 below will appear. Use the ARROW keys to select **NVIDIA RAID CLASS DRIVER*** (Figure 17) and press ENTER. Later, when a screen similar to Figure 18 appears, you must press S to select additional driver. The screen will return to previous screen as shown in Figure 17. Select **NVIDIA nForce Storage Controller** and press ENTER.

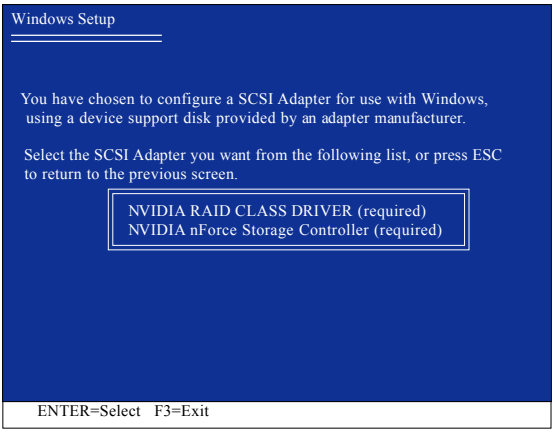


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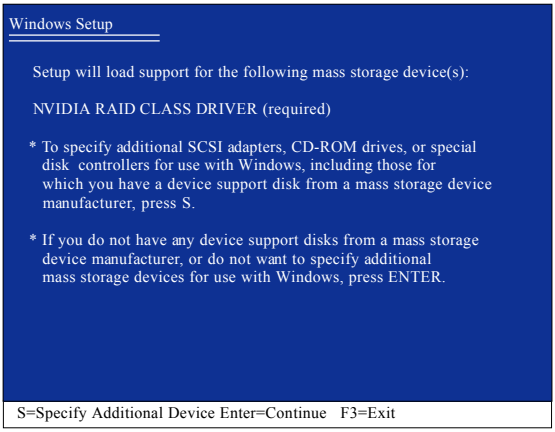


Figure 18

CAUTION If a message appears saying one or some file(s) cannot be found, please check the floppy disk or copy the correct SATA driver again from the motherboard driver CD.

"*" If you want to create RAID, select both **NVIDIA RAID CLASS DRIVER** and then **NVIDIA nForce Storage Controller**.
If you do not create RAID, select **NVIDIA nForce Storage Controller** only.

Step 4:
When the next screen (Figure 19) appears, press ENTER to continue the SATA driver installation from the floppy disk.

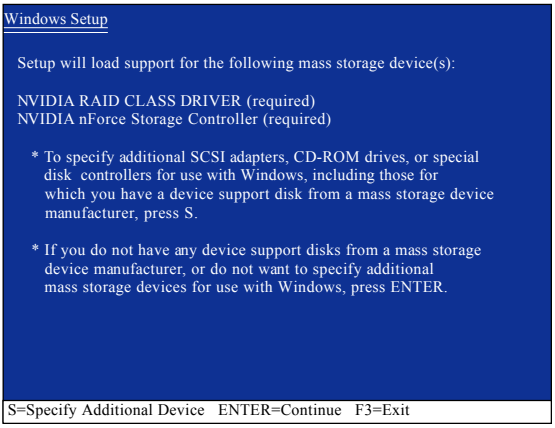


Figure 19

After the SATA controller driver installation is completed, you can proceed with the Windows 2000/XP installation.

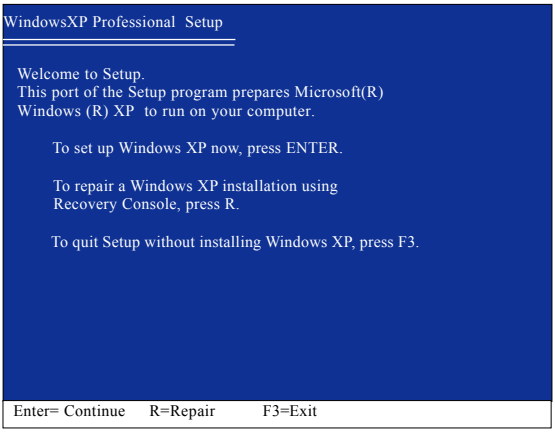


Figure 20

(Note: Each time you add a new hard drive to a RAID array, the RAID driver will have to be installed under Windows once for that hard drive. After that, the driver will not have to be installed.)

(6) Configuring a bootable RAID array with Microsoft Windows 2000

Problem: Users cannot install Windows 2000 with Service Pack 2 (or previous versions) to a bootable RAID volume.

There are two solutions to resolve this issue.

Solutions 1:

Use the NVRAID tool (nForce Driver Version 5.xx) to convert the boot volume to a RAID array. Here are the detailed step-by-step instructions:

Step 1:

Install Windows 2000 onto a selected hard drive. Download and install Windows 2000 Service Pack 4 from Microsoft's website.

Step 2:

After system restarts, press Del to enter system BIOS Setup during POST (Power-On Self Test). Under the **Integrated Peripherals** menu (Figure 21) assure the SATA port connecting the SATA hard disk (the one containing the Windows 2000) is **Enabled** (Figure 21/22). Save settings and exit the BIOS setup.

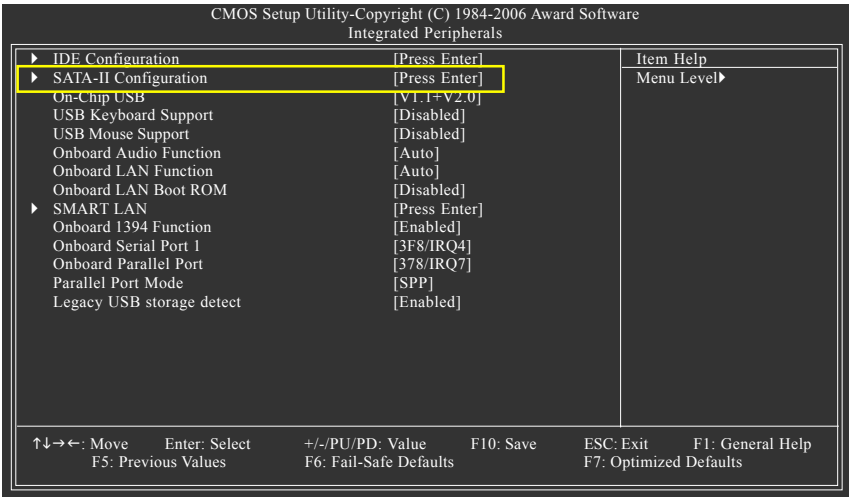


Figure 21

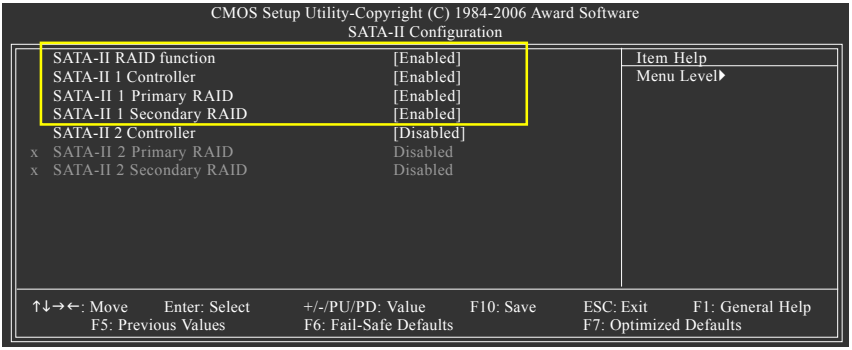


Figure 22

Step 3:

After system restarts, press F10 to enter the NVIDIA RAID setup utility. Select Striping in the RAID Mode filed (Figure 23). Move to the Free Disks section with the TAB key. Select the desired disk and use the RIGHT ARROW key to add it to Array Disks menu.

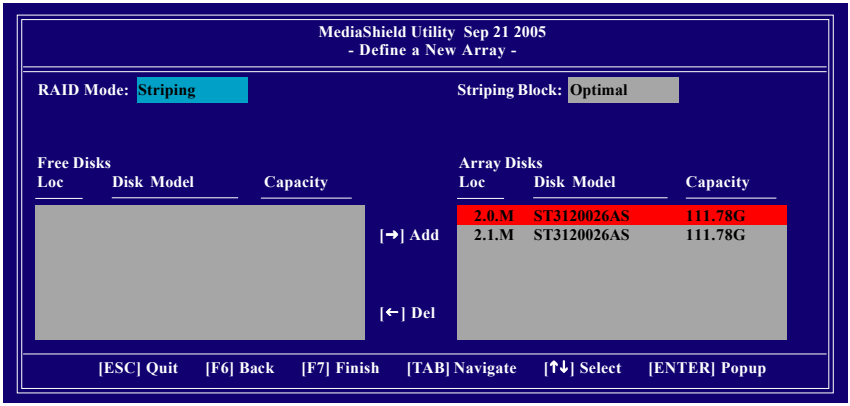


Figure 23

Step 4:

After all the settings, press F7 to complete the configuration. When prompted to **Clear Disk Data** (Figure 24), press N. Then press CTRL+X to exit the NVIDIA RAID BIOS. Restart the computer to boot into Windows 2000.

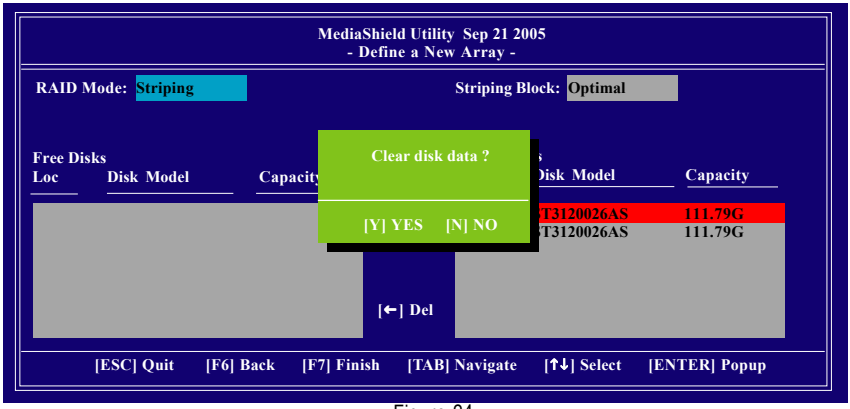


Figure 24

Step 5:
Install the NVIDIA nForce Driver Package while in Windows 2000 and reboot the system. Go to **START> Programs>Nvidia Corporation** and select **NVRAID manager**. You should see the single disk RAID array (in striping mode) that was created from the boot disk. Select the single boot disk RAID Array by clicking on it. Select **Convert Array** under the **System Tasks** and select **Next** following the instructions. Select the desired type of RAID array you want to convert and then select **Next**. You are prompted to select the desired Free Disk(s) to add to the bootable RAID array. Press **Finish** then NVRAID will start converting the single disk RAID array into a multi-disk RAID array in a bootable format.
Note: Conversion may take 1~2 hours depending on disk size.

Solutions 2:
Users must create a combination installation CD that includes Windows 2000 and Service Pack 3 or Service Pack 4 fixes integrated in. To create the combination installation CD, refer to the following website:
http://www.microsoft.com/windows2000/downloads/servicepacks/sp4/HFdeploy.htm

Note: If users choose not to install Windows 2000 Service Pack 3 or 4, RAID is still supported on Windows 2000. However, users will not be able to create a bootable RAID volume.

4-1-5 2- / 4- / 6- / 8- Channel Audio Function Introduction

The default speaker settings for the 6 audio jacks are as shown in the picture to the right. The jack retasking capability supported by HD Audio allows users to change the function for each audio jack by the audio software provided. For example, if a rear speaker is plugged into the center/subwoofer speaker out jack, you can change the center/ subwoofer speaker out jack to fucntion as a rear speaker out jack via the audio software.Please follow the steps to install the function. (Following pictures are in Windows XP)



CAUTION Note that if you wish to connect a microphone, you MUST connect it to the default Mic In jack for the microphone to work correctly.

HD Audio

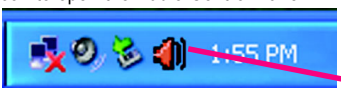
With multiple built-in high quality digital-to-analog converters (DACs) that support audio output at up to 192 kHz/24-bit quality and multi-streaming applications, HD Audio is able to handle multiple audio streams (in and out) simultaneously. Multi-channel audio experiences have become a reality so you can, for instance, listen to MP3 music, have an Internet chat, make a telephone call over the Internet, and etc. all at the same time.

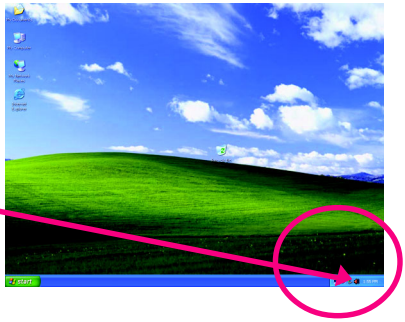
Stereo Speakers Connection and Settings:

We recommend that you use the speaker with amplifier to acquire the best sound effect if the stereo output is applied.

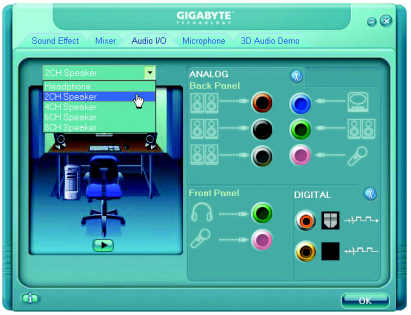
STEP 1 :

After installation of the audio driver, you should find an Audio Manager icon in your system tray (you can also find the icon in Control Panel). Double-click the icon to open the Audio Control Panel.





STEP 2:
In the Audio Control Panel, click the **Audio I/O** tab. In the upper left list, click **2CH Speaker**.

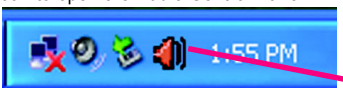


STEP 3:
After a speaker or headphone is plugged into the rear Line Out jack, a small window will pop up and ask you what type of equipment is connected. Choose **Headphone** or **Line Out** depending on the device connected and click **OK**. The 2-channel audio setup is completed.



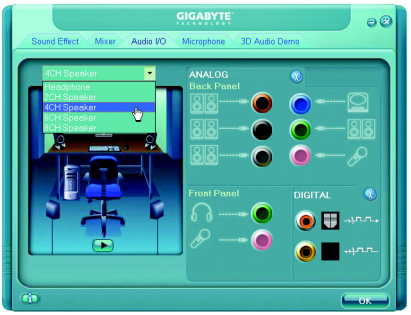
4 Channel Audio Setup

STEP 1 :
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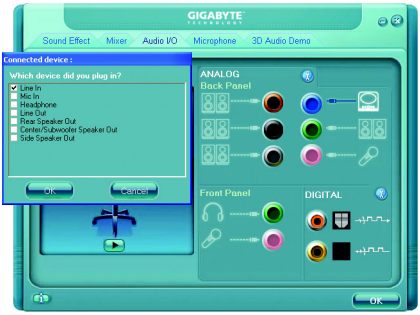


STEP 2:
In the Audio Control Panel, click the **Audio I/O** tab. In the upper left list, click **4CH Speaker**.



STEP 3:

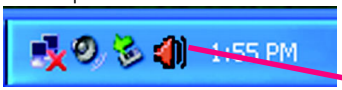
After plugging in 4-channel speakers to the rear speaker jacks, a small window will pop up and ask you what type of equipment is connected. Choose a device depending on the type of speaker connected (4-channel audio consists of Front Speaker Out (Line Out) and Rear Speaker Out) and then click **OK**. The 4-channel audio setup is completed.

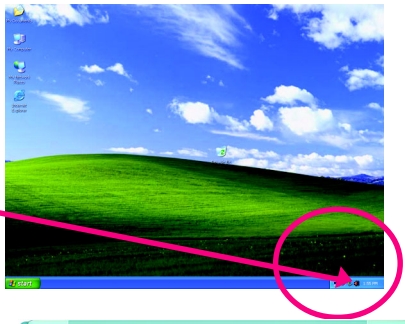


6 Channel Audio Setup

STEP 1 :

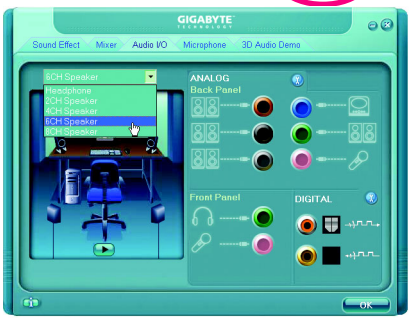
After installation of the audio driver, you should find an Audio Manager icon in your system tray (you can also find the icon in Control Panel). Double-click the icon to open the Audio Control Panel.





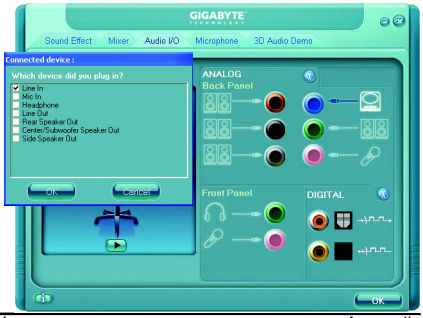
STEP 2:

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STEP 3:

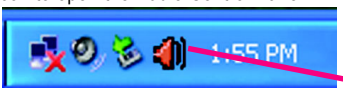
After plugging in 6-channel speakers to the rear speaker jacks, a small window will pop up and ask you what type of equipment is connected. Choose a device depending on the type of speaker connected (6-channel audio consists of Front Speaker Out (Line Out), Rear Speaker Out, and Center/Subwoofer Speaker Out) then click **OK**. The 6-channel audio setup is completed.



8 Channel Audio Setup

STEP 1 :

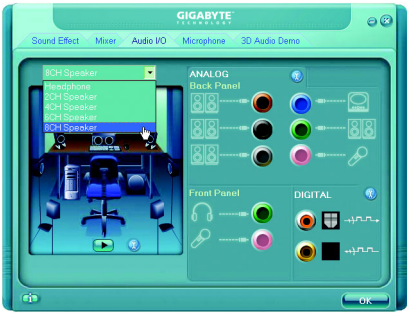
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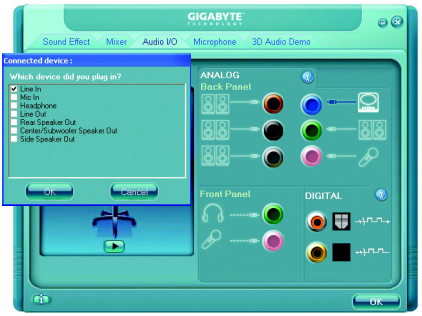
STEP 2:

In the Audio Control Panel, click the **Audio I/O** tab. In the upper left list, click **8CH Speaker**.



STEP 3:

After plugging in 8-channel speakers to the rear speaker jacks, a small window will pop up and ask you what type of equipment is connected. Choose a device depending on the type of speaker connected (8-channel audio consists of Front Speaker Out (Line Out), Rear Speaker Out, Center/Subwoofer Speaker Out, and Side Speaker Out) then click **OK**. The 8-channel audio setup is completed.



Sound Effect Configuration:

At the **Sound Effect** menu, users can adjust sound option settings as desired.



AC'97 Audio Configuration:

To enable the front panel audio connector to support AC97 Audio mode, go to the Audio Control Panel and click the **Audio I/O** tab. In the **ANALOG** area, click the **Tool** icon and then select the **Disable front panel jack detection** check box. This action completes the AC'97 Audio configuration.





4-2 Troubleshooting

Below is a collection of general asked questions. To check general asked questions based on a specific motherboard model, please log on to GIGABYTE's website.

Question 1: I cannot see some options that were included in previous BIOS after updating BIOS. Why?
Answer: Some advanced options are hidden in new BIOS version. Please press Ctrl and F1 keys after entering BIOS menu and you will be able to see these options.

Questions 2: Why is the light of my keyboard/optical mouse still on after computer shuts down?
Answer: In some boards, a small amount of electricity is kept on standby after computer shuts down and that's why the light is still on.

Question 3: How do I clear CMOS?
Answer: If your board has a Clear CMOS jumper, please refer to the Clear CMOS steps in the manual. If your board doesn't have such jumper, you can take off the on-board battery to leak voltage to clear CMOS. Please refer to the steps below:

Steps:

1. Turn off power.
2. Disconnect the power cord from MB.
3. Take out the battery gently and put it aside for about 1 minute (Or you can use a metal object to connect the positive and negative pins in the battery holder to makethem short for 5 seconds).
4. Re-insert the battery to the battery holder.
5. Connect power cord to MB again and turn on power.
6. Press Del to enter BIOS and load Fail-Safe Defaults(or load Optimized Defaults).
7. Save changes and reboot the system.

Question 4: Why do I still get a weak sound after turning up the speaker to the maximum volume?
Answer: Please make sure the speaker you are using is equipped with an internal amplifier. If not, please change another speaker with power/amplifier and try again later.

Question 5: Sometimes I hear different continuous beeps from computer after system boots up. What do these beeps usually stand for?
Answer: The beep codes below may help you identify the possible computer problems. However, they are only for reference purposes. The situations might differ from case to case.

→ AWARD BIOS Beep Codes

1 short: System boots successfully
2 short: CMOS setting error
1 long 1 short: DRAM or M/B error
1 long 2 short: Monitor or display card error
1 long 3 short: Keyboard error
1 long 9 short: BIOS ROM error
Continuous long beeps: DRAM error
Continuous short beeps: Power error



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